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LIFELINE FOR THE THEATRE

By Philip Evans



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TOWN councillors have thrown a £30,000 lifeline to keep the Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis in business.

Had councillors not come up with the rescue package, the theatre could have gone into administration which would have threatened the ownership of the loss-making theatre.

As exclusively revealed

in the *View from Lyme Regis* last week, Lyme Regis Community Arts Trust, which owns the building, has run out of money.

The trust was relying on additional financial support from the district council, similar to that offered at other arts centres in West Dorset, to help bal-

ance their books. But although the district is considering upping their £5,000 yearly grant to £7,500, trust members were disappointed to learn that a four-year campaign to get equal funding had failed and they had no alternative but to go to the town council for further financial assistance.

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Christmas Tree Festival

◆ THE Mayor of Lyme Regis, Councillor Michaela Ellis, visited the Baptist Church yesterday (Tuesday) to

launch the annual Christmas Tree Festival, organised by the Regatta and Carnival Com-

mittee. She is pictured with organiser Alan Vian.

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Death Notice

CHAPMAN, Christopher (Chris)
formerly of Serendip Fine Books, Lyme Regis and latterly Ile Valley Bookshop, Ilminster, died peacefully on 7th December 2011, aged 84.
Chris will be sadly missed by his friends and customers over the years, but his loss will be most keenly felt by Marguerite, his wife of 50 years, his children Mark and Sara, and his sister Elsa.
There will be no funeral service as Chris wished for his remains to be gifted for the good of science and learning, but there will be a celebration of Chris's life around his birthday in February, 2011.
Donations to The Women's Section Royal British Legion c/o the family contact - please write to Chris's daughter (anecdotes are also most welcome):
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MARK Shurey is the Managing Director of Creative Solutions a print and display company based in Lyme Regis for the past 12 years, producing everything from business cards and stationery, pavement signs through to promotional banners and exhibition display kits.

In January they are launching a free consultation service for local businesses who are trying to improve their branding and generate more business in 2011.

Creative Solutions are very much part of the local landscape having done the signage for many local companies including The Town Mill Bakery, Town Mill Brewery, Lyme Bay Surf, By The Bay, Lyme Bay Holidays and Absolute Cup Cakes to name a few.

Mark has worked mostly in the design industry from designing and building houses in the United States to helping project manage the first digital satellite TV and Radio network for the Saudi Royal Family.

HOW will your free consultation service help local businesses?

We would really like to energise and inspire the local community to see the current financial climate as an opportunity rather than a challenge. The worse thing to do right now is get depressed and feel hopeless about the situation. A lot of small to medium sized businesses do not have an in-house marketing, so with this service we can give businesses fresh, cost effective ideas they can start using in their branding to generate more business.

CAN you tell us how you became involved in producing banners for the Millenium Dome Exhibition? What was that experience like?

It started out with a photographer being commissioned to go on to the top of the Dome and take 360 degree photographs. We were then commissioned to stitch these images together and produce enormous, 100 feet long banners. The organisers were so impressed with the quality they commissioned us to do wall graphics shop fascias, display stands, floor graphics. It was an amazing experience to be so involved, right there on New Year's day. Being part of the set up and rehearsals for the celebrations was unforgettable.

What is the most satisfying thing about running your own business?

We work for all sorts of companies and never know when the work will be used or appear. I can be watching the news or football interviews and see one of our products in the background.



WHAT gift would you like to find under the tree on Christmas morning?

A yacht. I went around the world as a teenager. I was very fortunate to get a job aboard one. I enjoy sailing and being by the sea but with a busy company and large family I don't get to do it as much. My favourite place is the Caribbean because of the clear water, beautiful skies and lovely people.

HAVE you a particular film or TV programme you like to settle down and watch over the Christmas period?

The 1978 film "Same Time Next Year" with Alan Alda about a couple that meets up at the same time each year

after meeting one weekend. I saw that film back in the 80s and I was just struck by it. Over and over again during your life you picture yourself in certain parts of that film. It the kind of film where you realise how quickly life goes by.

WHAT are your fondest Christmas memories?

When I was a kid, waiting for Santa and coming down stairs on Christmas morning and seeing all the presents you didn't know you would get under the tree. For example a Scalelectic or train set or when I was a little bit older an air rifle. The sheer magic of Christmas when you didn't know what you were getting in those days.

WHICH three people from throughout history would you invite to a dinner party?

Captain Cook because he was a great adventurer and circumnavigated the world and claimed Australia and New Zealand. Having been there know at times he must have been awe struck when he first landed. Jesus because he is the most influential person who ever lived. Whether you are a Christian or not he has influenced everybody's life. John Newton, who wrote "Amazing Grace". He had such an incredible life, an amazing story. I read the book all about his life. He was imprisoned in Africa, then became a slave ship captain. The words in the song "a wretch like me" refers to him being a slave trader and he regretted it. he grew to hate that and then became a Clergy.

WHAT three things would you take with you onto a desert island and why?

My wife, to give her a break; a solar powered DAB radio so I can keep up with what's happening in the world and barrels of mosquito repellent.

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■ **SMOKING:** Firefighters work to save the container



■ **BURNT OUT:** The container and its contents following the blaze

Football club loses precious photos in container blaze

PRECIOUS old photographs of Lyme Regis football teams were destroyed in a fire on Sunday.

Shortly after players and officials left the Davey Fort football ground on Sunday, fire broke out in a metal container causing damage estimated at £5,000.

The container was used to store equipment for the football club extension, as well as a number of memorabilia and furniture items.

These included old photographs and gifts from the Seasiders' twin club, US Creully in Normandy.

Fire appliances from Lyme Regis and Axminster attended the scene with firefighters having to wear breathing apparatus to get the blaze under control.

The fire was so fierce that it blew the doors to the container open.

Firefighters were hindered by a shortage of water because of low pressure at the nearest hydrant in Charmouth Road.

A number of tools and equipment items needed

By Philip Evans

for the completion of the club's £60,000 extension of the changing and social accommodation at the Davey Fort were also destroyed in the fire.

It is thought that a chemical reaction involving fibre glass resin was the cause of the fire.

Club chairman Howard Larcombe said: "We are particularly upset to lose some of the old photos which cannot be replaced."

"It will also put more financial pressure on us at a time when great progress is being achieved in finishing the building work."

"We hope that all players and supporters will get behind the club at this difficult time and support our fundraising activities."

◆ The club is organising a Christmas auction at the Davey Fort on Saturday evening, starting at 7pm.

Town band founder dies

THE man who organised the reformation of Lyme Regis Town Band has died, aged 84.

Bookshop owner Chris Chapman died in Taunton Hospice last week after a long illness.

His daughter, Lady Sarah Apsley, said there would be no funeral as her father had left his body to science. However, a celebration of his life would be held nearer his birthday in February, details of which will be announced at a later date.

A former partner in the Serendip Bookshop in Lyme, Mr Chapman helped to negotiate the payment of a sum of money from the film company that made the "French Lieutenant's Woman" which eventually led to buying instruments for the reformed town band.

Over 20 local groups in Christmas Tree Festival

THE festive season is in full swing at Lyme Regis Baptist Church, following the opening of the annual Christmas Tree Festival this week.

The fourth festival, organised by the Regatta and Carnival Committee, opened yesterday (Tuesday) displaying the work of 21 local organisations who decorated the trees on Monday night.

Alan Vian, Regatta and Carnival Committee secretary, said: "The festival is a collaboration between

the carnival committee and the Baptist Church and is even bigger this year. It was great to see so many people coming together over two hours on Monday night to decorate the trees. They look magnificent and bring Christmas a step nearer."

Mr Vian also thanked Roger Chipping from Holly Hill Nurseries in Uplyme who supplied the trees.

Organisations taking part include the Tourist Information Centre, St

Michael's Parish Church, RNLI, U3A, Lyme Regis Junior Band, LymeNet, the Red Hat Society, Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society, the Regatta and Carnival Committee, Lyme Regis Table Tennis Club, Baptist Church Coffee Mornings, Parents Together in Lyme, Take Five, the Rotary Club, St Michael's Primary School, Theatre Friends, Lym Zim Link, Lyme Regis Museum, Lyme Regis Development Trust and Lyme Regis Football Club.

The Mayor, Councillor Michaela Ellis, visited the festival on the opening day and was joined by toddlers of the Parents Together in Lyme group.

The festival will be open from 10.30am to 6pm today (Wednesday) and tomorrow (Thursday), 10.30am to 8pm on Friday and from 10am to 2pm on Saturday. Entrance is free.



■ **CHRISTMAS TREE TOTS:** Children from the Parents Together in Lyme group join the Mayor, Councillor Michaela Ellis, at the opening of the Christmas Tree Festival in Lyme Regis Baptist Church

Washing machine stolen from garden

THE owner of a faulty washing machine witnessed the appliance being stolen from their garden path in Lyme Regis.

Police are appealing for witnesses who saw the machine being taken from a King's Way garden in the early afternoon of Tuesday, December 8th.

The owner had left the washing machine on their garden path to be picked up for repairs later that day, but at about 12.30pm an unknown man in a silver or white transit van, with a child on board, loaded up the machine and drove off while the owner watched.

Anyone with details of this crime should contact PC Richard Winward on 07500 816 312 or 01305 222222.

Football club auction

A CHRISTMAS auction will be held at Lyme Regis Football Club this Saturday (December 18th) from 7pm to raise money for new changing rooms and club facilities.

Top items up for grabs will include signed photos of England cricketer Graeme Swann, Manchester United footballer Paul Scholes, Liverpool star Jamie Carragher, Southampton legend Matt Le Tissier, four Yeovil Football Club tickets with a signed shirt, plus other sports memorabilia.

There will also be vouchers for the Harbour Inn, the Mariner's Hotel, By The Bay, Along Came Polly hairdressers, and a round of golf for four at Lyme Regis Golf Club.

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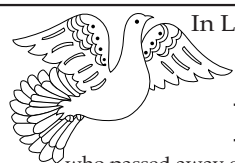
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Question mark over future library funding

By Philip Evans

LIBRARY services in Lyme Regis and Charmouth could be jeopardised following estimates that Dorset County Council will have to make savings of nearly £50 million over the next three years.

The libraries in Lyme and Charmouth are among the smallest in the county and will almost certainly be hit by the cuts.

Funding for up to 20 libraries could be withdrawn, saving £417,300 a year.

The libraries have not been named by the county council but Library Service Manager Tracey Long said they would be looking at alternative locally-led solutions.

In a statement issued this week, Ms Long said: "Dorset County Council estimates that it will need to find £48.6 million savings over the next three years.

"This is an unprecedented set of circumstances and part of a national problem affecting all local authorities.

"A reduced budget will be set by the council in February and, like all council services, the library service is expected to manage within this.

"That means providing a library service which is affordable and sustainable within the available budget.

"A series of proposals have been drawn-up and are under consideration, although no decisions have yet been made by councillors.

"The county council meets today (Wednesday) to consider how to deal with the budget. The budget setting meeting of the county council is on February 17th 2011. It is at the February meeting when county councillors will make the overall decision about the budget and any cuts

necessary.

"The proposals include continuing to offer services via mobile libraries and dorsetforyou.com website, and through a network of 14 county council funded main and town library buildings.

"At this stage it is envisaged that we will consult and work with up to 20 communities - where there are currently library buildings with funding set to cease in April 2012 - to look at alternative locally-led alternatives.

"That includes putting together a standard offer with a view to local communities taking ownership of the library buildings or proposing an alternative service.

"However, we must wait and see what decisions are made by the county council.

"We will continue to offer the best library service possible we can within the resources available."

Figures released by the county council show that in the past year 29,529 people visited Lyme Regis Library in Silver Street, a reduction of six per cent on the previous year.

Charmouth Library, which receives £5,000 a year to maintain the number of opening hours, was visited by 12,759 people during the same period, also a drop of six per cent.

The parish council were planning to discuss the library's future at last night's (Tuesday) meeting.

Toys available at Lyme library

DORSET County Council's toy library service is now available in Lyme Regis.

Local parents wishing to take advantage of the service used to have to travel to Bere Regis to collect the toys and games available as part of the county's TREATS service.

Now, however, a range of toys, games, play equipment and musical instruments are available direct from the Lyme Regis library in Silver Street.

Parents have to pay an annual fee of £6.50 (£9 for childminders) with most items being hired out at 50p per week with a maximum of £2 for the larger items. Using the TREATS service is an ideal solution to those who have children visiting from time to time.

■ **CHILDMINDER** and local children pictured in the library kids corner

Local childminder Vicki White has been using the service for some time and is delighted that she no longer has to travel to get the toys.

Lyme Regis library also run rhymetime sessions for the under fives on alternate Wednesday afternoons (2 pm to 2.45 pm) and this is an ideal time to collect pre-ordered deliveries from TREATS.

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Council find another £92,000 for seafront shelters scheme

IN addition to borrowing £500,000 and underwriting a further £106,000, Lyme Regis Town councillors are budgeting for a final contribution of £92,000 for the Marine Parade Shelters regeneration scheme.

The total cost of the shelters scheme, the biggest project the town council has ever undertaken, will be near £1.3 million.

Work has already started on the first phase of the project which is expected to be completed in June 2011.

As well as borrowing

by Philip Evans

£500,000 from West Dorset District Council, the town council earmarked £250,000 from their reserves, built up over a number of years and allocated further contributions of £80,000 in the budget for the current year.

In addition, a further £178,978 had been raised through external funding raised by the voluntary working group. This includes £86,708 from the

Chalk & Cheese fund, £25,000 from West Dorset District Council, £16,234 from Dorset County Council and £21,500 for the central pavilion interpretation centre from the Jurassic Coast World Heritage team, National England, The National Trust and West Dorset District Council. Over £25,500 has also been raised through sponsorship from private individuals and local businesses.

The £750,000 raised by the town council was earmarked for phase one of the project which would see a new construction in place incorporating the existing central pavilion which will be converted into a high-tech interpretation centre.

The scheme also includes two retail units at either end of the shelters, the rent for which will be the interest charged on the money borrowed by the town council.

Other attractions will include an entertainment

area and space for farmers' markets and other charitable events.

Plans also include two glass-fronted community rooms as part of phase two but the council have now decided to budget for a further £92,000 next year to enable these to be built because the fees to be charged for hiring the facilities will help finance the project on an on-going basis.

A report on the project was given to last week's meeting of the Strategy and Policy Committee by the council's client advisor/project co-ordinator, David Gale.

He reported that they already had "exciting potential tenants" for the two retail units.

Committee chairman Owen Lovell questioned the need for more meeting rooms in Lyme but it was Mr Gale's view that the community rooms would generate significant income.

Funding figures detailed by working party member Chris Boothroyd showed that the volunteers had put in 1,872 hours saving the council £37,440.



■ **CLOCK** engineer Dave Clark repairs the church clock at St Michael's Parish Church in Lyme Regis, which will be chiming again before Christmas

Church clock chimes again

THE church clock at St Michael the Archangel, Lyme Regis, is working again after three new autowind units were fitted last Friday.

The new winders, which power the clock mechanism and the quarter and hour chimes, were fitted by Dave Clarke, of the newly appointed clock engineers The Cumbria Clock Company.

Although Dave only joined the company in February 2008, he is very familiar with the clock at Lyme Regis Parish Church having maintained it for nearly 20 years when he worked

for his previous employer.

Churchwarden Tim Bacon said: "When any initial problems have been dealt with, we are looking forward to many years of reliable service from the new autowind units which carry a 15-year guarantee."

"Although we are still about £1,000 short of our fundraising target, we wanted to get the church clock working again in time for Christmas."

Donations to Lyme Regis PCC may still be sent to The Rectory, 5 Georges Close, Charmouth, Dorset DT6 6RU and would be greatly appreciated.

Town councillors may get expenses

CANDIDATES who win a seat on Lyme Regis Town Council at next May's election may be able to claim an allowance.

Government legislation allows for town councillors to claim an annual sum, although none have ever done so in the past.

Dorchester Town Council pays its members £950 per annum with all members claiming whilst Bridport Town Council pays £650 with two thirds of its membership claiming the allowance.

Town clerk Mike Lewis told last week's meeting of the Strategy and Policy Committee that there was no provision in the draft budget for members' allowances and if the council wanted to claim a sum would have to be included before the budget was

signed off. Although the council had to pay the allowances, the level of payment would be decided by West Dorset District Council.

Committee chairman Owen Lovell said he thought they should leave the decision to the next council after the May elections.

District councillor Daryl Turner said that if they wanted to attract younger members on the next council they should make the decision now.

Councillor Lucy Campbell said everyone should be given the opportunity to stand regardless of their financial situation.

It was agreed that town clerk Mike Lewis would seek clarification on the level of expenses for a decision to be made when the budget is approved.

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Over 70s enjoy Christmas dinner

OLD folk of Lyme Regis enjoyed Christmas lunch at one of the town's most traditional festive events.

The Over 70s Christmas Dinner was held at the Alexandra Hotel on Saturday afternoon and about 80 guests attended.

Chairman of the Over 70s Christmas Dinner Committee, Councillor Owen Lovell, said grace before all tucked into their three-course meal of soup, turkey roast and trifle.

by Francesca Evans

After dinner, the over 70s were entertained by the girls' choir St Michael's Primary School, who sang a mixture of Christmas carols and songs, accompanied by their new headteacher, Annabelle Grose, and Elaine Kendrick on the piano.

For one guest, Miss Pauline Trounsham, who lives in Staples Terrace, the event was extra special as she was also celebrating her 90th birthday.

The schoolchildren led fellow guests in singing happy birthday, and Miss Trounsham was then presented with a bouquet of roses by the Mayor, Councillor Michaela Ellis.

The event also included a raffle, and all guests received a box of chocolates from Father Christmas before leaving.

Councillor Lovell paid tribute to Councillor Barbara Austin MBE for the main organisation of the

event. He also thanked the children of St Michael's Primary School for providing entertainment, the staff of the Alexandra Hotel for their hospitality and Lyme Taxis for providing transport for the guests.

Councillor Austin added her thanks to Lyme Regis Regatta and Carnival Committee and the Rock Point Inn for making donations towards the cost of the event.



■ FAMILIAR FACES: Old friends look forward to their Christmas lunch

■ CHEERS: Councillor Ken Whetlor and his wife Jo enjoy lunch with friends



■ BIRTHDAY GIRL: Pauline Trounsham is presented a bouquet of roses for her 90th birthday by the Mayor, Councillor Michaela Ellis

■ ABOVE LEFT: Members of the organising committee, Sheila Applebee, Barbara Austin and Owen and Christine Lovell

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■ **CHRISTMAS CAROLS:** The girls' choir from St Michael's Primary School entertain after lunch



■ **SURPRISE FROM SANTA:** Guests receive a box of chocolate from Father Christmas



■ **PARTY HATS:** Guests await their turkey dinner



■ **PULL MY CRACKER:** Guests get into the festive spirit

Join the Rotary Club for traditional Christmas carols around the tree

THE annual Carols Round the Christmas Tree in Lyme Regis will be held on Thursday, December 23rd from 7pm.

The Rotary Club of Lyme Regis will be hosting the event around the town's Christmas tree, at The Shambles at the bottom of Broad Street, to raise money for Julia's House, the Dorset-based children's hospice.

Lyme Regis Town Band will accompany carollers and hot soup will be served during a short break, courtesy of

the Pilot Boat Inn. Hot chestnuts cooked by the Rotarians will also be available to buy.

The Rotary Club hope to see as many Lyme residents and visitors as possible to celebrate Christmas together at this popular festive event.

The Rotary Club will also be holding the annual Lyme Lunge on New Year's Day. All those who dare are invited to take a quick dip in the sea on Lyme's main sandy beach at 1.15pm.

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◆ THE theatre stages a lot of music and 'stand-up' which brings people into the town with recent sell-outs for Rich Hall and Jeremy Hardy in the past few weeks. Those who come will be spending at other businesses in the town

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◆ MORE than 22,000 people have crossed the threshold in each of the past two years – more than have visited any other arts venue in West Dorset

◆ THE Marine represents living history to many of those who live locally; if we could have a pound for everyone who has told us that they had their first kiss in The Marine Theatre!

◆ And we are adding to the tradition: we know that many visitors now book their holidays in Lyme to coincide with the summer visit of Shanty Theatre – 2,000 of the audience for Shanty this year were not Lyme natives

New vision for Marine

■ FROM PAGE ONE

The town council gave the theatre £32,000 in the current financial year. This is usually paid in four quarterly payments but the full amount has been given to the theatre to help them meet their existing commitments.

A similar amount has been budgeted for the 2011-2012 financial year. The council also provide the trust with free office accommodation, although discussions have taken place over them relinquishing this.

Arts trust chairman John Bartholomew and new artistic director Phil Whitehead attended last week's meeting of the Strategy and Policy Committee to make an impassioned plea for further support from the council.

It was expected that their presentation would have been held in committee with the press and public excluded. But district councillor Daryl Turner said it was public money they were talking about and therefore the discussion should be in public. The council agreed.

Mr Bartholomew told the council that they needed £30,000 to continue operating until the end of March and to meet outstanding bills of £16,000.

He outlined their discussions with the district council over the current funding situation and was highly critical of the district's failure to recognise the theatre as a promoter of the performing arts, although it was recognised that the Marine staged more events and attracted bigger audiences (a total of 22,000 in the last year) than the other centres in Bridport, Dorchester and Sherborne.

He also criticised the district for not fulfilling their commitment to carry out a review of the activities at the Marine.

Mr Bartholomew explained that he had written to district council leader Robert Gould in a bid to get a decision deferred from today's (Wednesday) meeting of the executive for the Marine's case to be reviewed.

He had also written to Councillor Gould suggesting that the unusually low car parking fees of £1 per day at the district council-run Holmbush and Charmouth Road car parks be increased with some of the additional money raised going to the theatre.

Disaster

In a frank assessment of the programming at the Marine over the past few years, Mr Bartholomew admitted that "mistakes had been made", revealing that last year's Christmas show, "Nicolai of The North" was "a disaster."

He admitted that the decision to appoint the last artistic director to present a programme to attract arts council funding has not worked and had generated little revenue.

Mr Bartholomew concluded by reiterating their determination to solve their problems and take the Marine Theatre back to where it was three years ago.

New artistic director Phil Whitehead said the theatre was perceived to be presenting "high culture" and they needed to return to making the Marine a part of the community again.

He told councillors: "We want it to be sustainable. Not the Old Vic but neither do we want it to be the Old Wreck."

Mr Whitehead said there needed to be a

new vision for the Marine which spoke to the people of Lyme Regis.

Both Mr Bartholomew and Mr Whitehead got a sympathetic hearing from councillors and following questions Mr Bartholomew admitted that if the council could not provide further funding the theatre could go into administration the following morning.

Councillor Ken Meech expressed the view that rather than ticking boxes for the arts council, all Lyme Regis wanted was "good old fashion entertainment".

Councillor Turner said they had to remember Lyme Regis was a small town. The council was also supporting the Woodmead Halls and he wondered whether the town was too small to support two halls.

Councillor Stan Williams said he had great sympathy for the position the Marine was in. Several years ago the people of Lyme had voted for a "professional style" theatre but they had not supported a professional programme.

He reminded councillors that if the arts trust folded the council would have to take on the responsibility of running the theatre as the ownership of the building would revert back to the council.

Councillor Sally Holman said it was a "very serious situation" and if the council advanced further finance there would have to be more accountability and regular meetings to assess the progress.

Commenting on the possibility of raising more money through car parking, Councillor Turner said there was already a proposal to raise the £1 parking fees to

£1.70 but there were other things in Lyme Regis on which money could be spent that would be more beneficial to the town.

Asked whether the council could find another £30,000 for the theatre, town clerk Mike Lewis said it would be possible to use £15,000 from the Strawberry Field reserves which was unlikely to be spent in this financial year. A further £15,000 could be taken from the shelters regeneration reserves, with the sum being moved into next year's budget.

Councillor Williams said they should make representations to the district council for more support for the Marine Theatre.

It was agreed to write to the district council asking them to reconsider their decision and recommending that fees in the district car parks be increased to £3 per day to provide additional money that could be "ring fenced" for Lyme Regis projects, including the Marine Theatre.

A few highlights for early next year:

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School bazaar raises £500

CHILDREN from St Michael's Primary School in Lyme Regis got into the festive spirit at their Christmas Bazaar last Friday.

The event was organised by the school's Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA) and raised about £500.

The bazaar included a special visit from Father Christmas, fun and games

by Francesca Evans

run by the Year 6 students, a tombola, jewellery stall, toy stall and refreshments, including mince pies.

Background music was also provided by Year 5 and 6 musicians.

Headteacher Annabelle Grose said: "The atmosphere was great. Lots of

children brought their parents along straight after school and the event was well supported by the community."

Miss Grose also thanked the PTFA for organising the event and the Year 6 students for running their own stalls.



■ FUN AND GAMES: Above and above right - children ran their own stalls at the bazaar

■ ARTISTIC FLAIR: Children enjoyed colouring-in and crafts at the bazaar

■ CLOWNING AROUND: Face painting was on offer

Teddy bear talk

RIKEY Austin and Jo Farmer of Alice's Bear Shop in Lyme Regis will be hosting a talk and demonstration on how to make their collectable cuddlies at the museum this weekend.

Rikey and Jo sell collectable teddy bears as well as kits to make your own and even run a teddy bear hospital for damaged cuddly toys at Alice's Bear Shop in Broad Street.

Last year they appeared on the Channel 4 series "Kirstie's Homemade Home" alongside presenter Kirstie Allsopp, but this weekend they are bringing their skills to Lyme Regis Museum.

The talk will be held on Saturday, December 18th at 2.30pm.

■ Another illustrated talk takes place in the museum the following day. "Know Your Fossils" will be at 2.30pm on Sunday December 19th, when fossil experts Paddy Howe and Chris Andrew will be there to talk and answer questions on how fossils lived, and how to find, identify and handle them..

Carols by Candlelight

THE annual Carols by Candlelight Service will be held at St Michael's Parish Church in Lyme Regis this Sunday, December 19th from 4pm.

This will be a traditional service of carols, lessons and other musical items. The service will be part of the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust "Light up a Life" events in Dorset. There will be a prayer of remembrance and dedication of Christmas tree lights in memory of loved ones.

At the service there will also be special support for the work of the Children's Society through the bringing of gifts, especially welcome for teenagers, and the collection which will be taken during the service. All are invited to bring a gift to be distributed by the Children's Society.

After the service there will be seasonal refreshments in the Church Hall. All are very welcome.



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Theatre: use it or lose it!

THERE'S been much talk in the town, following our exclusive story last week about the financial difficulties at the Marine Theatre, concerning the town council allocating more money to keep the theatre in business.

To be honest, the councillors were put in a very difficult position and had no choice but to find another £30,000 which will keep the theatre afloat to the end of March while members of the Community Arts Trust,

Lyme Matters

by Philip Evans



which owns and runs the building, come up with a new vision and way forward for the Marine.

The additional £30,000 to be advanced by the council will see the trust through to March with a reduced and slimmed down operation.

Then it's the new fi-

nanacial year and the trust will have to operate on the funding available. That will be just under £40,000 if West Dorset District Council don't approve any further support.

By coming up with a further £30,000, the town council is not increasing its expenditure. The ad-

dional funding will come from reserves earmarked for other projects that will not be spent in the current financial year - a bit of clever but perfectly acceptable accounting by town clerk Mike Lewis.

Trust chairman John Bartholomew and new artistic director Phil

Whitehead put together a compelling case to keep the theatre alive and kicking.

The alternative, which surprised a few councillors, was the unpalatable realisation that the trust would have folded and gone into administration with inevitable job losses.

The future ownership of the theatre might also have been compromised as the building is the only real asset the trust has. In the event of the trust ceasing to operate, the ownership of the building reverts back to the council so there was only one real choice -

more money.

The possibility of the district council agreeing to put up their ludicrously low car parking fees from £1 to £3 a day might provide some light at the end of the tunnel.

But the trust certainly faces a huge challenge in getting the theatre back to where it was a few years ago before adopting a more "high culture" approach.

Having listened to Phil Whitehead's presentation to the council, and spoken at length to John Bartholomew, who both have worked so hard to find a way through this difficult situation, I have no doubt they can do it. But their programme must reflect the wishes of the townsfolk as well as visitors.

"Use or it lose it" is an overused expression when things go awry. But it has never been more apt.

If the people of Lyme want to keep the Marine (and I think most do), then they have to use it. Simple!

Lyme asides ...

EVENT OF THE WEEK: CONGRATULATIONS to Kelly Apps (nee Street) and Tracey Edwards for raising £1,000 at a Christmas Cracker night at the Woodmead Halls on Saturday.

Over 100 people attended the event, including a big contingent from the Street family, always good for a fun night and bar profits!

The money raised will be divided between Epilepsy Research and the Special Baby Unit at Dorchester Hospital.

Kelly's baby boy, Oli, suffers from a rare form of epilepsy but has defied all medical assessments of his condition, having a smile that would light up the Eiffel Tower.

Tracey's baby son Charlie was born premature and is now a picture of bouncing health.

Oli and Charlie were stars of the show on Saturday and as always those present were very generous.

UNLIKE me to keep things so quiet, but I've got a new book out next week!

I've not mentioned it before because we were not sure we could finish it in time for Christmas and the New Year.

But as I write the presses are turning out the first ever (I think) Year Book for Lyme Regis. It chronicles all the events in and around Lyme from December 2009 to November 2010 with a "Citizen of The Month" being selected for every month. It also contains a centre picture section on "Summertime in Lyme" contributed by my daughter Francesca, who writes a column of the same name.

There's been no real comprehensive modern history of Lyme and I'm hoping that the Year Book will provide a comprehensive record of all that happens in our town during the age in which we live in the coming years.

"Year Book 2010 - a Year in the Life of Lyme Regis" will go on sale at local outlets, including Serendip at £4.95. A Christmas bargain!

Latest gossip on the election front...

IT'S election year in 2011 - and already the jungle drums are beating. We will be going to the polls in May to elect a new town council and two district councillors.

Three Cups Hotel campaigner and Alice's Bear Shop owner Rikey Austin has already declared her intention of standing for the town council on Facebook.

To date, only two existing town councillors have stated they will not be seeking re-election - Ken Meech and David Cozens

MBE - although it has been rumoured for a long time that others are considering stepping down.

Two more likely candidates will be Chris Clipson and Terry O'Grady, who attend most council meetings and often speak during the town forum.

There are one or two other names bandering around so it would seem we will definitely have an election.

And there will almost certainly be a contest for the two district council seats. I expect both sitting members - Daryl Turner and Pat Hicks - to seek re-election and I've heard on the grapevine that at least three others are planning to put their names forward, including one big surprise candidate.

Watch this space for a further election update.



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■ **ON THE AIRWAVES:** Members of Lyme Regis Lifeboat crew during their course on effective use of radio in search and rescue operations

Lifeboat crew go back to the classroom to learn radio skills

MEMBERS of Lyme Regis Lifeboat crew have gone back to the classroom, all in the cause of saving lives at sea.

Eight volunteers are taking to the airwaves on a two-week course on the effective use of radio in search and rescue operations.

The course, which ends tomorrow (Thursday), has been run by Steve Howard, one of the RNLI's ten mobile trainers who travel the country teaching skills in first aid, radar and navigational systems, and use of the radio.

The aim is to gain the Royal Yachting Association's international certificate of competence in short range com-

munications, a qualification which is underpinned by the RNLI's search and rescue certificate.

Steve Howard said: "The overall target is to train crew to say the right things at the right time in situations that can sometimes be quite stressful."

Jon Broome, training co-ordinator at the Lyme Regis lifeboat station, added: "Our aim is to have as many of our volunteers as possible fully trained in the use of radio in search and rescue situations."

"This course is a very important contribution to the overall efficiency of the station."



■ **SURPRISE PARTY:** Retiring lifeboatman Rob Fosset (centre) with crew mate Jon Broome (left) and the RNLI divisional inspector for the south west, Adrian Carey

RETIRING RNLI lifeboat manager Rob Fossett found himself the "victim" of one of the best kept secrets in Lyme Regis last week.

All week long crew members, their families and friends had been shaking his hand and wishing him well in retirement after a total of 30 years as a volunteer with the lifeboat charity. On Saturday night his partner Sue took him out for a quiet drink at the town's sailing club, only to be met by around 70 well-wishers and a presentation ceremony.

Mr Fossett said he was "gobsmacked" by the surprise party. He retired as Lifeboat Operations Manager on his 59th birthday on December 1st, after serving 25 years

with the RNLI on the Essex coast followed by five years in Lyme Regis.

The RNLI's divisional inspector for the south west, Adrian Carey, presented Rob with a Certificate of Service after describing him as "a great administrator, a great life saver and a very accomplished lifeboatman."

Mr Carey also presented training co-ordinator at the Lyme Regis station, Jon Broome, with his 20-year service medal.

Mr Broome then presented Rob with a gift from the crew - a painting by the late Matt Lethbridge, an RNLI lifeboatman from St Mary's in the Isles of Scilly who was much-admired by Rob.

RNLI shop set for another record year

VOLUNTEERS who run the successful RNLI gift shop on the Cobb in Lyme Regis have been told they may have a second record year in a row.

Manager Brian Cursley told 40 helpers at their Christmas lunch last Wednesday that, with three weeks to go, sales at the charity's gift shop were 25 per cent up on last year with takings of around £125,000.

Mr Cursley said clothing sales increased by 200 per cent, 115,000 Christmas cards had been sold, 660 jars of jam and 624 sticks of rock. Another successful item was a toy plastic boat, which have enjoyed sales of over 1,000. And, as if to confirm the nation's favourite cuppa, 720 packets of Lifeboat Tea flew off the shelves.



■ **RECORD BREAKERS:** RNLI shop volunteers pictured at their Christmas lunch last week

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Christine Hamilton Sitting Spiritually



■ **JOLLY JUNGLE:** Christine Hamilton on the Sitting Spiritually garden seat

UPLYME craftsman Martin Young's iconic wooden seats grace many a fine garden in the south west.

In developing his range of "Sitting Spiritually" garden furniture, Martin never expected to see the product of his skills featured in one of the UK's top television reality shows.

But that's exactly what happened. Mr Young was recently asked to deliver one of his swing seats to the ITV studios on the South Bank in London, where it featured on a daily "I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here" segment on daytime show "This Morning".

The seat was the focal point in a mock-up jungle setting for disgraced MP's wife and reality TV star Christine Hamilton, who gave her own take on the previous evening's jungle shenanigans.

Said Mr Young: "I got a call out of the blue one day and asked to take one of my Sitting Spiritually seats to the studio, where I was given a tour. Christine wrote a nice note to say the seat was very comfortable."

B Sharp! music group celebrates £33,000 in grants at concert

Photos by Jim Davidson

A CONCERT organised by youth music group B Sharp! turned out to be a well-timed celebration, as they have just been granted £33,000 for upcoming projects.

The group were one of three in the south west to submit a successful application to the Youth Music Open Programme Team, which has awarded B Sharp! £30,000 for their next project "Hear, Here".

The 18-month project, running in partnership with the Fossil Festival and Earth Festival, is also being supported by the West Dorset District Council Leisure Development Fund, which has donated £3,000.

The news of donations was celebrated at the B Sharp! concert at the Marine Theatre on Saturday night. A packed-out audience enjoyed performances from popular local band Papa Le Gal, who have been training as music leaders through the B Sharp! "Peer to Peer" project. Young music en-

thusiasts and professional musician Pete Wild were able to join the band on stage for some of their set.

Other performances came from Josh Beckers on piano, DJ Ayvin Rogers, 12-year-old singer Isla Meller and B Sharp! trainees Emma Franklin, Matt Hartnell and Dom

Kirtley on saxophones.

Over £1,500 was raised on the night, which will go towards projects being held over the next two years, and organisers would like to thank all those who volunteered their time.



■ **LEADING LADY:** Grace Gillan of headline act Papa Le Gal



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Lyme Regis and the Big Society

NOT too much has been heard about how Dorset County Council plan to implement cuts of £48 million or 17 per cent reduction from next year's budget (2011-2012). But since October's Comprehensive Spending Review a significant reduction in public spending is being planned which will impact on local people.

The county council cuts are part of £81bn savings from government spending nationally by 2014/15 and form part of The Big Society, a revolution to strengthen civil society by getting more people to work together to run their own affairs locally. This seemingly innocuous banner also heralds a dramatically smaller state and with it much reduced public sector service provision.

The Big Society is driven by three imperatives - to stimulate social action; to open public services and to empower communities. The aim to give people greater opportunity to shape their lives and the places where they live. The corollary is to require people to shoulder more responsibility; to actively encourage participation; to incentivise change and to have to live with the repercussions for those who are unwilling or unable to take part.

Social action plans to put more power and responsibility into the hands of families, groups, neighbourhoods, communities and volunteers.

This mobilisation is being supported by the establishment of a Big Society Day, the Big Society Bank and National Citizens Service that will encourage young people (16 plus) to get involved in voluntary work.

Increased volunteering is at the heart of the drive to social action, which raises important questions about whether people in Lyme Regis have more free time to give to good causes. Are people prepared to freely run services previously run by local authori-

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Chief Executive
Lyme Regis
Development Trust

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In parallel with funding cuts to the police, health-care and education and local authorities like Dorset County Council, there is a commitment to the opening up of public services. This formula for new model is less money equals collaboration and innovation. An ambitious future in which many non-essential services are provided by a mix of mutual societies, co-operatives, charities, social enterprises, small businesses and locally-based neighbourhood groups.

The reality is that in the early New Year deep cuts will be announced at Dorset County Council and other public sector organisations and there doesn't appear to be the time to reengineer the way that their services are delivered through these new ways of working.

New powers

Empowering communities is the third strand of The Big Society and gives new powers to help save local facilities and services threatened with closure, to establish new schools and a radical change towards a community led planning system. This far reaching guiding legislation will be set out in the Localism Bill due to be published this Thursday and will give local people the authority to stipulate conditions for much of their neighbourhood's regeneration, housing needs and planning guidelines.

Neighbourhoods will be encouraged to agree their priorities and for these to be set out in a local plan, which if positively voted through by at least 51 per cent of the population will take effect and determine

future development. Not to have such a plan is to leave neighbourhoods open to the tender mercies of property developers, supermarkets and the like.

The Big Society is change on a scale that few of us will have seen before. It's a great chance for people to play a part in shaping the places where they live. But it comes with the risk that disillusionment and apathy (only 34 per cent of people in West Dorset agreed that they can influence local decision making) will leave local communities vulnerable to the influence of special interest groups, particularly as rules governing potential conflicts are also to be relaxed.

Lyme Regis has the LymeForward, community plan adopted and promoted by Lyme Regis Town Council and there is a commitment to giving people the chance to have a voice, identify issues, and to play a role in making things happen.

Please contact Ellen at ellen@lrtd.co.uk or on 01297 444387 if you want to get involved in making the most of what the future has to hold.

Why not sell InSPARation cafe to pay for new youth club?

LYME Regis Development Trust should sell the InSPARation Youth Cafe to pay for the renovation of the recently acquired Club for Young People.

That was the view of Councillor Owen Lovell, speaking at last week's meeting of Lyme Regis Town Council's Strategy and Policy Committee. Having bought the Church Street premises from the trustees of the club for £60,000, the Development Trust is now faced with repairs costing up to £250,000 before the club can re-open.

In next year's draft budget the council has allocated a sum of £50,000 towards the cost of renovations plus £10,000 towards running costs.

In presenting the budget, town clerk Mike Lewis said he had been told by youth club project leader Fran Williams that the urgent priority was to carry out repairs to the roof and to provide heating so they could get the building open as soon as possible.

Mr Lewis said there was no indication of how much the renovations would cost but he got the impression it might not be quite so expensive as originally expected.

Committee chairman Councillor Lovell said he was "pleased to hear that".

He understood that the Development Trust had offered £6,000 a year towards the running costs of the club

but planned to retain the InSPARation Cafe as an asset.

Councillor Lovell said he wanted to make public his views which he had expressed in private - that the Development Trust should sell the InSPARation Cafe to pay for the cost of renovating the old boys' club.

He added that he was fully supportive of the efforts to establish a new youth club in the town but he didn't want people "building empires at the expense of the youth of the town".

He added: "The Development Trust can solve the problem of the boys' club. The finance is there if times are hard with money coming from other places."

Councillor Lucy Campbell said the council should meet with the Development Trust before coming to any decision.

After the meeting, Wendy Davies, chairman of Lyme Regis Development Trust, said that papers regarding their role in the project, including a "memo of understanding for a strategic partnership between LRDT, Dorset County Council", should have been forwarded to all councillors. However, this did not happen and councillors were prevented from having "an informed discussion".

Mrs Davies has since sent copies of the papers to all councillors and hoped that a "face-to-face" discussion could take place shortly.

In the letter to councillors, Fran Williams said LRDT was holding the

building on behalf of the community and had spent considerable time and money to date on making it safe and watertight.

She said that the InSPARation Management Committee were committed to maintaining "a vibrant and diverse service for young people".

She continued: "Until the new centre opens at this point LRDT trustees will decide how best the building can contribute to youth provision in Lyme."

She added that it looked like the best use for 17/18 Church Street (InSPARation Cafe) would be to provide a revenue stream for the running of the club as no other further commitments were forthcoming.

Mrs Williams said that they were currently awaiting tenders for the essential works on the roof and heating system and were also waiting for further structural reports on the building. She confirmed that LRDT were in a position to contribute £6,000 per annum but it was essential in any fundraising approach to show substantial commitment from the town council as they are "the voice of the community".

And she added: "We are very keen for the town council to become partners in this project."

◆ AN open day will be held at the club on January 15th when interested people can meet and discuss how to establish good youth facilities for Lyme Regis.



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Lyme's youth awarded over £6,000

TEENAGERS from Lyme Regis are celebrating a £6,395 windfall after they were awarded a grant for youth provisions in the town.

Their success follows months of hard work by young people from the InSPARation Youth Cafe and members of the Woodroffe School Youth Council, who applied for the grant from the Youth Opportunity Fund.

InSPARation's primary focus will be to help develop the former Club for Young People in Church Street. The money will also give the new youth centre a range of activities to encourage new young people to come along and join in.

Jason Knowles, application leader, said: "It means a lot to all of us because it will give us new opportunities to do new things in Lyme. I think this £6,000 will be spent and will be worth it for definite."

Lowell Fachau, a member of the youth club, added:

"The young people of this town deserve a first class youth facility. The money will be well spent and the vital equipment purchased with the grant will enrich the lives of Lyme's young people"

Glenn Willis, chairman of InSPARation said that although the grant was a great platform there was still much to do before the doors open at the old boys' club.

He added: "I am proud of our local young people and the way that they have shown us just what can be achieved through direct involvement. They have provided us with a great platform from which to raise further funding."

"It shows it pays off to have a strong partnership between the young people, local committees and schools especially when it results in such a positive outcome."



Drink Driving - The Facts

Any amount of alcohol affects your ability to drive. There is no fool-proof way of drinking and staying under the limit, or of knowing how much an individual person can drink and still drive safely.

Each person's tolerance to alcohol depends on a range of factors including:

- weight
 - gender
 - age
 - metabolism
 - current stress levels
 - whether they have eaten recently
 - amount of alcohol consumed
- So, the only safe option is not to drink alcohol if you plan to drive, and never offer an alcoholic drink to someone else who is intending to drive.

THINK! strategy for drink driving
The THINK! strategy for drink driving is to remind all drivers of the personal consequences of drink driving, and that a drink driving conviction can ruin your life.

Our work with partners in the pub environment takes a different approach. It aims to improve the night of designated drivers by providing them with soft drink offers and other benefits during their night out.

The THINK! Drink Drive campaign aims to:

- increase awareness of the personal consequences of a drink driving conviction
- encourage the belief that 1 or 2

drinks before driving is too many and not worth the risk

- reinforce and build the social stigma around drink driving
 - Offer in-pub solutions to help drivers avoid consuming alcohol if they know they are going to drive
- The current campaign targets 1-3 pint drink drivers, not 'drunk drivers', with a particular focus on young men aged 17-29 years old. It doesn't focus on the increased risk of a crash, as our research has found that young men believe:

- a crash is unlikely after 1 or 2 drinks

- drink drive ads showing a crash are not relevant to them but to people who drive when drunk

- they're more likely to be over the limit and caught after 1 or 2 drinks

We found that the long-term implications of drink driving, such as imprisonment or a criminal record, a 12 month driving ban or an endorsement that stays on your licence for 11 years are much more shocking and compelling to this audience than the risk of crashing and harming themselves or others.

Key messages for Christmas 2010:

- THINK! Don't drink and drive
- Get convicted of drink driving and you'll be processed like any other criminal

Working in partnership: Driver Friendly

Driver Friendly, which launched in December 2009, is the focus of our

partnership activity this Christmas. We are partnering with Coca-Cola and various pub chains to encourage drivers to choose soft drinks on their night out, by providing them with a buy one, get one free offer on Coke and Diet Coke in the pub environment.

Sobering-up tricks do not work

Coffee and cold showers the morning after a night out don't help you sober up. Time is the only way to get the alcohol out of your system and you could still be over the legal limit many hours after drinking.

Drink driving and the law

The legal consequences of a drink driving conviction are severe and long-lasting.

Causing death by careless driving when under the influence of drink or drugs = 14 years' imprisonment, together with an unlimited fine, disqualification from driving for at least 2 years and a mandatory extended driving test.

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'I feel fine to drive.'

Any amount of alcohol affects your judgement.

'I've only had a couple.'

Even a single drink makes you drive less well.

'I've had a meal.'

Alcohol still gets into your system and affects your driving.

'I can handle my drink.'

Alcohol affects everybody's driving for the worse. It creates a feeling of overconfidence, makes judging distance and speed more difficult and slows your reactions so it takes longer to stop.

'I'm only going down the road.'

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A whole lot of love for llamas

IT could be the doleful eyes, the tranquil nature or the incredible soft fleece but something about a pack animal native to the foothills of the Andes is drawing people out of retirement to ensure they become an increasingly regular sight on Dorset's Jurassic Coast.

It's thanks to the dedication and persistence of farms like UK Llama that people who have never dreamt of setting foot in South America have the opportunity to get up close to the odd looking but friendly Llama, an animal which looks a bit like a cross between a camel and a sheep.

Based at New House Farm, Mosterton, Brenda Stevens' dreams of retiring to a Dorset home overlooking the Jurassic Coast has led her to take ownership of 13 Llamas, Alpacas and Guanacos.

Formerly owned by Chris Eke, a retired helicopter engineer, and Jo Herwood the farm's award winning animals are gaining a reputation as not only the friendliest but the best in show – with

WHILE taking a holiday in the West Dorset countryside, BRENDA STEVENS ended up buying her dream home and setting up her own business. After falling in love with her new 17th century farm house, it was only matter of time before she fell in love with the farm's unusual occupants, a pack of llamas.

View from Reporter PAUL CROMPTON talks to Brenda about her new venture into the world of Llama trekking around West Dorset.

one, Kuzco, even being associated with Walt Disney's Oscar nominated film the Emperor's New Groove.

Having charmed the likes of TV and film audiences including the Really Wild Show's Nick Baker, it was only a matter of time before the farm's herd of Llamas, with legendary names like King Arthur and King Richard, would charm the holidaying Londoner and convince her to move to a small holding in the west country.

Having decided to make the county her home after retiring from her job as a commercial director for a small company, Brenda, first fell in love with 17th Century listed farmhouse, then it was only a matter

time before she fell in love with farm's occupants.

Brenda said: "I came to buy the house, then when I spoke to Chris and Jo, and they are obviously so passionate about the animals, and then I looked at the five and half acres and thought I needed something to cut my grass as well, and what better than a Llama.

"I was determined to get out of London when I retired, so when I came down here for a summer holiday, which I've been doing for a number of years, so I know the area, I saw this farmhouse.

"I saw the property and the llamas looked so beautiful on the land. I thought this is not a holiday, this is where I want



■ JOHN Lightbowd and Chris Eke from UK Llamas with their Llamas King Richard and King Arthur

to live. My grandparents had a smallholding so in some way I'm going back to my roots."

Brenda has now taken over the business, which offers guided Llama Treks through Dorset's rolling hills and world heritage site, from the incredibly enthusiastic and knowledgeable Chris, who started the farm after a trip through North America's wild west.

Chris, who is staying on at UK Llama to tend to the herd he has been rearing for the past 12 years.

He said: "Jo and I went to Arizona on holiday when I retired and we happened to hear about the Forest Ranger service

using llamas to take people on pack trips. So we did two wonderful days trekking and thought we could do that in Dorset."

Alongside the Treks, UK Llamas also run introduction to life with llamas, alpacas and guano courses for those who become enthralled by the animals, which are used as beasts of burdens, meat, wool – its quality is far superior to sheep – and increasingly for security for livestock farmers.

With the backing of Business link and West Dorset District Council Chris applied for a grant to improve facilities and build a lake and picnic area for disabled children.

Llama's pack mentality and history of years working alongside humans makes the animal a friendly and gentle companion for those with disabilities.

It was the work with disabled children, which led to the farm's animals being recognised as some of the best example of their breed in the country. As the popularity of keeping Llamas and Alpacas increases – over the years 16 customers of UK Llamas have bought their own animals – so do the events at county shows normally associated with cows, sheep and dogs.

Having owned the farm for 12 years, UK Llamas

had never shown their animals until this year when John Lightbowd, who suffered brain damage after a heart attack started working with the animals and regaining his short term memory. Having helped raise "King Richard" John felt it right to show the animal. So they entered Royal County of Berkshire Show, where "King Richard" was crowned Supreme Champion Llama during the British Llama Society Annual Show.

For more information on UK Llamas visit www.ukllamas.co.uk.

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Name the llama competition

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Residents are being asked to name the black, white and brown nine month-old male baby Llama, known as a Cria, which handler Chris Eke describes as a "little star".

The Cria will be christened with the most appropriate name, and the winner and one friend will have the chance to go to an introduction day to meet the Cria and the rest of the herd.

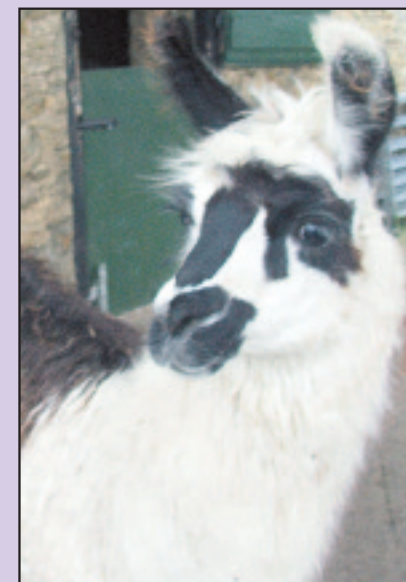
Llamas are originally from the mountainous Andes of South America and belong in the same family as camels. Their fur is extremely soft and is made into various items such as scarves, clothes and bags.

Llamas are intelligent, extremely agile and very social animals who like to live with other llamas as a herd in.

UK Llamas offer personalised guided Trekking, Rambling and Walking Tours throughout the Jurassic coast for all ages.

Entries should arrive no later than January 10 2011.

To enter send an email to paul@pemedial.co.uk, call 01297 446152 or send an envelope heading llama competition, St Michael's business centre, Church street, Lyme Regis, Dorset. DT7 3DB.



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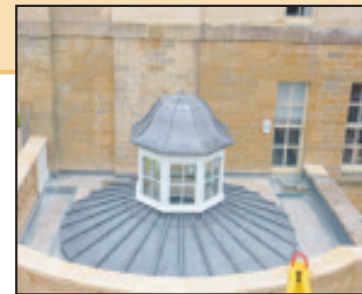






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A new word in style for county town

As shop that mixes the work of Dorset designers with the internationally famous names is the latest addition to Dorchester's buoyant retail scene.

Eureka is the second retail venture by entrepreneur Tim Altham, whose business until now has been in supplying quality retailers with stylish stationary and fashion accessories. The first Eureka store opened in September 2009 in Swanage.

Products at the Dorchester store include stationary and accessories from Designers Guild, exclusive brands from Denmark including Greengate and local designer Caroline Tucker. Stationary and ceramics from Cath Kidston and Nora jewellery from Norway (Exclusive to

Eureka).

Designers from Dorset are responsible for the shop's lively spread of greeting cards and wrappings, as well as the range of contemporary eco bags which, says Tim, are leading the field in colour and design.

Eureka, Tim says, sets out to offer "an infusion of colour and design, across a whole range of products - as many as possible from Dorset designers."

"We want to support local artists and designers, and we are always happy to talk to them about their ideas."

Eureka encourages you to visit to view the wonderful present ideas in stock, including lines of unique men's gifts with a strong nautical theme.



ID Hair... Find your identity!



ID hair Dorchester has enjoyed a sixth birthday and to celebrate the team are offering a cut and colour for £50 to customers old and new! This Christmas offer is available on production of this advert.

Eighteen times award winning hairdresser Nathan Brown opened ID hair in 2004 bringing a new standard of hairdressing into the county town Dorchester. Nathan head of creative development has worked alongside some of the top names in the industry and has published work in international magazines such as Vogue, Tatler and Marie Claire and working with stars such as Kate Moss. Also holding one of the most prestigious British hairdressing award nominations. Nathan has passed his knowledge and experience on to his staff within ID hair to an impeccable standard.

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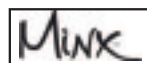
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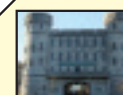
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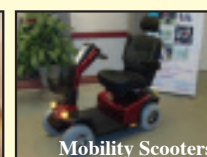


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When you visit YARD you will find carefully thought-out lines, which are effectively merchandised to complement each other. Gorgeous clothing from a selection of brands includes ranges from French Connection, Great Plains, American Vintage, Saint Tropez, Rutzou,

Numph, Darling, Maison Scotch and James-Jeans. Fresh lines are added weekly. To ensure your unique style, lines are always limited with a maximum of eight garments per design.

A fantastic choice of beautiful accessories, gifts and statement styling pieces for your home are also available from brands new to Dorset, some of which are exclusive to YARD. Embellished hand made cards, hand printed silk cushions and hand-assembled jewellery come from designers And Mary, Barbara Wiggins, Jen Rowland and Avoca.

At YARD you will find treasures you didn't know you needed! And perfect gift ideas to suit every pocket, why not ask one of the team for a Wish List to fill out and give to your family and friends. The YARD team will help them choose something you know you will love! All purchases are beautifully wrapped in tissue paper in a lovely YARD carrier bag. The staff are always happy to help and can assist you with your buying decision; you will always receive a warm welcome.

On the 16th December you will be able to enjoy late night shopping, mulled wine and a mince pie, the boutique is open until 8pm.

The Christmas opening times are; Christmas Eve 9.30am-1pm and then closed from 25th-28th December. Open 29th and 30th as normal, 9.30am-1pm on New Years Eve

For further details please call Vicki and the team on 01305 757337 or visit the shop at 171 Bridport Road, Poundbury, Dorchester.



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A combination of good customer service and a large range of useful, everyday gardening products along with some unusual and interesting products too provides a good gardening outlet for local people. The owners twenty five years experience is not going to be wasted either with plenty of friendly, free helpful knowledge on hand as well.

The business is split into two halves, one being gardening and the other being Wild Bird Care. The owners' life long passion for wild birds started many years ago when feeding wild birds wasn't particularly fashionable. Last year the good people of Dorchester bought over 34,000 kilos of wild bird and over 4500 bird feeders of all shapes and sizes from The Potting Shed, which just goes to prove that a life long passion can bear fruit with perseverance. The Potting Shed offers lots of gift ideas for the gardener and wild bird lover.

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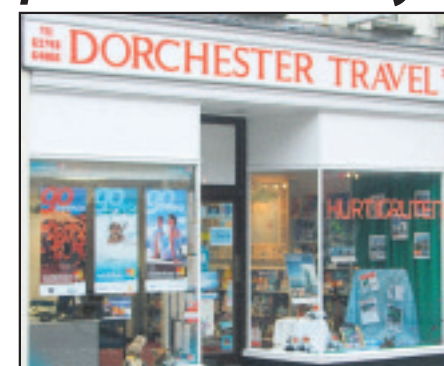
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Figure 1





The ultimate leisure guide for Dorset

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Ben Waters for Dorchester Arts Christmas party

*Boogie woogie
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View 2 Music

Jess Upton's Soul Band return for special Christmas concert

JESS Upton is Dorset's best kept musical secret. She first sang with the stunning **Jess Upton Soul Band** at the age of 17 and has captivated audiences and received great plaudits from those lucky enough to hear her sing, ever since.

As one of the most respected bands in Dorset with a long standing reputation for excellent musicianship, authenticity and dedication to real soul music, Jess's band are without doubt one of the most popular soul bands in Dorset.

The 10 piece band reformed in 2008 to play their first gig at the Electric Palace after a ten year break. Their reunion was greeted by a full house audience who danced the night away to soul classics including many by Aretha Franklin.

Jess Upton's vocal range is without competition in the West Country and she reigns supreme as Dorset's 'Queen of Soul'. Jess's natural talent and onstage professionalism teamed with her fabulously talented and charismatic band never fails to deliver and you will be guaranteed to stay on the dance floor all night.

The Jess Upton Soul Band is Jess Upton on lead vocals, Sammy Hurd on keyboard and backing vocals, Clive Ashley on tenor saxophone, Julie Trevett on alto saxophone, Mat Barge on trombone, Dan Anderson guitar, Chris Loneragan on bass guitar, Dave Kenderdine on drums and Steve Mutter on congas and percussion.

With such a warm welcome in 2008, the Soul Band played the following year in 2009 to yet another spectacular sell out evening of dancing. Now, for the third year in a row, the Soul Band return to the Electric Palace for what is now an annual event - their only gig of the year and the best way to start the Christmas cheer!

The show takes place on Thursday, December 23rd, and tickets cost £10.50. Book now to avoid disappointment from Bridport Tourist Information Centre on 01308 424901.



Oh no it isn't! Oh yes it is! - its Goldilocks!

CHRISTMAS festivities wouldn't be complete without a visit to the pantomime, and age old tradition, which is often the first time children go to the theatre.

Bridport has had its own local pantomime for nearly fifty years since Bernhard Gale founded the Bridport Pantomime Players in 1966.

The first one Dick Whittington was performed at Church House in South Street. This was a huge success, as was the second one Cinderella, at which stage the decision was taken to move to The Palace just opposite where all the pantomimes were staged until 1999 when the cinema unexpectedly closed.

Bernard then adapted the small stage at The Lyric in Barrack Street and transformed it into a small theatre where the next seven shows were performed, delighting the audiences with its infor-



mality. Sadly Bernard died in 1996 and The Lyric closed, but at the same time the Electric Palace opened its doors once again.

The players returned and will be performing their 46th-pantomime, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, in the first week of February. They will be performing every evening from Wednesday (2nd) until Saturday (5th) with matinees on Thursday and Saturday afternoons.

The pantomime is full of song, dance and comedy and is a family show suitable for all ages from the youngest to the oldest. To get away from the gloom of the winter why not get the family together and go along to your very own 'home-grown, locally sourced' pantomime. Oh yes you can!

Tickets cost £7 with reductions for children and senior citizens, and go on sale on Tuesday January 4th at Pets' Pavilion. The box office is open daily (except Sundays) from 10am -4pm.

Poetry for Pleasure

by Frank McGarry

*"Without the door let sorrow lie,
And if for cold it hap to die
We'll bury it in a Christmas Pie
And evermore be merry."*

NOT everyone can be at home for Christmas – and this is particularly true in wartime. The Voluntary Aid Detachment was formed in 1909 with the help of the Red Cross and St.John's Ambulance. By 1914 there were 2,500 branches in Britain with 74,000 volunteers. The VADs worked as nurses, maids, cooks and cleaners to help the war effort. One of those wonderful ladies, M. Winifred Wedgwood, wrote this.

CHRISTMAS 1916:
Thoughts in a V.A.D. Hospital Kitchen
*There's no Christmas leave for us scullions,
We've got to keep on with the grind:
Just cooking for Britain's heroes.
But, bless! We don't really mind.*

*We've scores and scores of potatoes,
And cabbages also to do;
And onions, and turnips, and what not,
That go in the Irish stew.*

*We're baking, and frying, and boiling,
From morning until night;
But we've got to keep on a bit longer,
Till Victory comes in sight.*

*Then there's cutting the thin bread and butter,
For the men who are very ill;*

*But we feel we're well rewarded;
For they've fought old Kaiser Bill.*

*Yes! We've got to hold on a while longer,
Till we've beaten the Hun to his knees:
And then 'Good-bye' to the kitchen;
The treacle, the jam, and the cheese!*

OUR next poem is also about the Christmas of 1916 but this one was written at the battlefront by a young man named Leslie George Rub, who was to die there the following year.

CHRISTMAS DAY ON THE SOMME
*'Twas Christmas Day on the Somme
The men stood on parade,
The snow laid six feet on the ground
Twas twenty in the shade.*

*Up spoke the Captain 'gallant man',
"Just hear what I've to say,
You may not have remembered that
Today is Christmas Day."*

*"The General has expressed a wish
This day may be observed,
Today you will only work eight hours,
A rest that's well deserved.*

*I hope you'll keep yourselves quite clean
And smart and spruce and nice,
The stream is frozen hard
But a pick will break the ice."*

*"All men will get two biscuits each,
I'm sure you're tired of bread,*

*I'm sorry there's no turkey
but there's Bully Beef instead.*

*The puddings plum have not arrived
But they are on their way,
I'll guarantee they'll be in time
To eat next Christmas Day."*

*"Your parcels would have been in time
But I regret to say
The vessel which conveyed them was
Torpedoed on the way.*

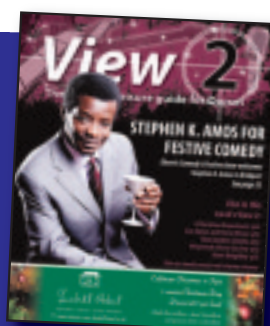
*The Quartermaster's got your rum
But you may get some yet,
Each man will be presented with
A Woodbine Cigarette."*

*"The Huns have caught us in the rear
And painted France all red,
Pray do not let that trouble you,
Tomorrow you'll be dead.*

*Now ere you go I wish you all
This season of good cheer,
A very happy Christmas and
A prosperous New Year."*

● If you have a short poem of your own that you would like to share with our readers please send it to: Poetry for Pleasure, Lyme Media & Events Ltd, St Michael's Business Centre, Lyme Regis, Dorset, DT7 3QF. Or e-mail it to us at: pemedialco.uk

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TAKE A SEAT

"THERE is nothing worse than sitting down on an uncomfortable chair to watch something wonderful" were the words from Ben Fogle that kicked off Bridport Arts Centre's 'Sponsor A Seat' Campaign. Since it's launch in September, the campaign, which boasts Ben Fogle as it's patron, has had 50 seats sponsored and has raised a total £13,500 for the appeal out of the £20,000 needed.

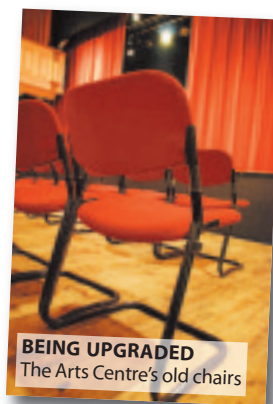
The seating in the Marlow Theatre has needed to be replaced for years and the new seating, provide by Audience Systems Ltd of Westbury, Wiltshire, will provide a comfortable, relaxing place for any theatre lover's bum. The response to the campaign has been fantastic with enough being raised for the order to be placed at the end of October to ensure delivery of the new seats in January, ready for a new year of exciting programme in the theatre. Ben Fogle will be cutting the ribbon at a special party for everyone who sponsors a seat.

Anyone can sponsor a seat and dedicate it to their business, in memorial to a loved one or as a celebration of a special occasion. Already seats have been named for weddings and births, dedicated to grandchildren as a future legacy and to parents who helped start a love for the theatre. Polly Jean 'PJ' Harvey was the first person to buy a seat and chose to dedicate to the Arts Centre. One kind patron has given us a 'Lucky Seat' for the auditorium.

It's not just individuals joining the campaign, groups that form part of the Arts Centre such as Bridport Film Society and Encore Theatre Company have both pledged their support to the appeal and have donated



PATRON | Ben Fogle is patron of the Bridport Arts Centre's sponsor-a-seat campaign



generously to seating that will provide an all round better experience for their members.

Polly Gifford, Director of Bridport Arts Centre, said "We are delighted to have had such support from the community, from people who are committed to the future of the Arts Centre and want to be a part of it. However we still have a way to go and hope that the remaining seats will find generous sponsors soon."

Sponsoring a seat costs £160 for one, or £150 per seat for two or more. The seats will be dedicated with your words of choice. Try out the new seat for yourself in the foyer of Bridport Arts Centre and get in touch with Ellie Mottram, Marketing Manager, for more information on sponsoring a seat on 01308 424204.

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The Hoff to replace Cowell on Britain's Got Talent

ANOTHER UNLIKELY AFFAIR ON THE STREET | This year's affair between Coronation Street's Kevin Webster and Molly Dobbs was unlikely enough, but the new year will see an even more absurd tryst on the cobbles.

Kev's wife Sally is set to get revenge on her cheating husband - by bedding his lover's other half.

Reports suggest heartbroken Sally (Sally Dynevor) and Tyrone (Alan Halsall) will decide to spend New Year's Eve together after finding out about their partners' affair and the revelation that Kevin (Michael Le Vell) is the father of Molly's baby, Jack.

But after a few too many drinks, their companionship becomes something more.

A source said: "Molly and Kevin were already an unlikely couple but Tyrone and Sally is even more ridiculous. They have nothing in common, but their broken hearts will bond them for a short while."

The pair will find themselves sharing a kiss at midnight - leading to a full blown affair in the New Year.

Our source added: "They need each other right now. For Tyrone he just wants some love, but Sally is a little bit more clever than that. She wants to hurt Kevin. It looks like Tyrone will be caught in the crossfire."

But one actor involved in the storyline is convinced that all will be back to normal in Weatherfield before long.

Michael Le Vell insisted that longtime Corrie couple Kevin and Sally will find a way to make it work, telling us: "Kevin loves Sally. They're meant to be together forever. She's had enough indiscretions he's let her off for."

"He turned a blind eye to the Ian Devenport affair but I think that's his trump card. He's never confronted her - he's got that up his sleeve."

COWELL HASSLES THE HOFF
Simon Cowell has decided who will replace him on the next series of Britain's Got Talent, according to reports.

The job has been offered to Baywatch actor and former America's Got Talent judge David Hasselhoff.

Cowell is believed to have offered the star a £500,000 deal to judge the next series of the ITV talent contest.

A source told The Sun newspaper: "David was delighted to receive the call as he really enjoyed his time on America's Got Talent."

"He is popular in the UK and loves the country, so for him it is a dream opportunity. You might say it's ironic Simon asked David to replace him after he was dropped in America. But they are great pals and David is really looking forward to the auditions."

A show spokesperson confirmed that they were in negotiations with Hasselhoff but denied that a deal was already done, saying: "Nothing has been finalised."

A replacement will also need to be found for Piers Morgan, who has stepped down to concentrate on his new CNN anchor role, before auditions for the show start next month.

Those rumoured to be in the running to join Amanda Holden on the judging panel include Patsy Kensit, David Walliams and Paul O'Grady.

CHILES TO FRONT NEW CHAT SHOW | Adrian Chiles will present a new Sunday night talk show with regular guests including former deputy pm John Prescott, musician Shaun Ryder and football manager Harry Redknapp.

They will be among the members of a celebrity panel joining the Daybreak host to look at the week's events on That Sunday Night Show on ITV1.



ITV's director of comedy and entertainment Elaine Bedell said: "That Sunday Night Show promises to be the perfect round up of the week as Adrian and his guests cast a wry eye over the past seven day's events and the week ahead."

There will be eight 30 minute episodes broadcast early next year.

Other guests lined up to appear include former spin doctor Alastair Campbell, racing driver David Coulthard and comedian Al Murray.

Adrian left the BBC this year and his contract with ITV, thought to be worth £6 million over four years, also sees him front the channel's football coverage as well as Daybreak.



CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH THE LYME REGIS TOWN BAND

DO you enjoy listening to Christmas music and feel it's not Christmas until you've sung a few carols? Then come to the Woodmead Halls next Saturday, December 18th at 7.30pm where the **Lyme Regis Town Band** will be kick-starting Christmas week with their annual Christmas Concert.

Whatever your taste, entertainment is always guaranteed and as usual, the varied programme combines old and new, sacred and secular. The evening will begin in lively style with a superb arrangement of the 1991 Queen hit 'Innuendo', which is a full 35 seconds longer than their classic, 'Bohemian Rhapsody'.

One eagerly anticipated piece, particularly amongst the band, will be a performance by Paul Snowball of 'Tuba Smarties' on the E flat bass. This proved popular during the summer season and Paul's varied interpretations show enough poetic licence to keep even the Musical Director guessing!

There will be plenty of opportunities for the audience to sing those well-loved favourite carols during the evening. Classic Christmas numbers from the band will include "Rocking

around the Christmas Tree", "Winter Wonderland" and "Jingle Bells" and of course "White Christmas", Bing Crosby's timeless hit.

This year, Alan Vian makes his debut as compere and the band are delighted he has agreed to fulfil this central role. Alan's involvement with the Carnival Committee and the R.N.L.I has meant regular contact with the band over the past few years. He commented, 'after several summer seasons on Marine Parade admiring and listening to the band, I am really delighted to be more

closely involved with them in their Christmas concert.

So why not start Christmas week with the best evening's entertainment around? Tickets cost £5 (single) £8 (double) and £10 (family ticket - 2 adults & 2 children) and there will be a licensed bar, raffle and lucky programme number. To avoid disappointment, visit Primary Colours in Broad Street, contact any band member or telephone 01297 442719 (evenings).



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The event - a collaboration between the award-winning project and local promoters 'Beat Junkies' - will be headlined by the uplifting eco-folk band 'Seize The Day' who have just released their latest album 'Standing Strong'. Their music is described as 'beautiful, bold, frontline folk' giving them a massive festival following.

Event organiser Dom Brown says the evening will be open to all ages, recognising the positive impact that Bridport TLC has with groups, organisations and businesses across the town. "For a group of volunteers to run such a professional service without any local authority funding is commendable. The evening will be a change from our usual events but we hope our regulars will support TLC's efforts to raise enough funds and ensure they can continue keeping huge amounts of materials out of landfill".

Other acts showing their support on the evening include the fabulous 'Hattie Hatstar' with her feisty comedy set, part punk/ part pirate but entirely engaging. Local three-piece 'Sketchy' kick off the evening with material never before heard beyond



Seize The Day



Hattie Hatstar

the garage door. Other performers are still awaiting confirmation plus a very special guest to be announced nearer the time. The evening will also have a re-use auction of last years un-wanted christmas presents, a raffle, and Beat Junkies DJ's with a bar until midnight.

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Plus Fri-Tue 18.10

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Daily: 11.30, 14.30, 17.30, 19.30, 20.30

Meet The Parents: Little Fockers^{TBC}

Wed & Thu: 11.00, 13.20, 15.40, 18.00, 20.20

Burlesque^{12A}

Daily: 12.00, 14.55, 17.50, 20.45

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Exclusive^{PG} Tue & Thu: 11.00

Animals United^{TBC}

Daily: 13.15, 16.20

Plus Sat-Thu: 11.10

NME Awards Tour tickets on sale now

Crystal Castles, The Vaccines, Everything Everything and Magnetic Man for Bournemouth show

TICKETS for the popular NME Awards Tour 2011 are on sale now, and the Tour heads to Bournemouth's O2 Academy in February.

The line-up is, as now expected from the NME tours, impressive and varied, with hardcore band-of-the-moment **The Vaccines** opening, Art-popsters **Everything Everything** second on the bill, dub-step mainstream crossovers **Magnetic Man**, and headliners **Crystal Castles**.

Tickets for the NME Awards Tour 2011 cost £16.59. The Tour comes to the O2 Academy on Wednesday, February 16th - book your tickets now to avoid missing out on this sure-fire sell out.

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Ben Waters



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New Years Day	Centre Closed
Sunday 2nd January	Normal Opening Times
Monday 3rd January	Normal Opening Times
Tuesday 4th January	Normal Opening Times

For our normal opening times please refer to our current leaflets available from Reception or visit the website www.bridportleisure.com

On those days when the Centre closes early, last entry to the Swimming Pool will be 30 minutes before the Centre closes and last entry to the Fitness Suite will be 45 minutes before the Centre closes.

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May we take this opportunity from all the Staff at Bridport Leisure Centre in wishing all our valued customers a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous 2011 We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

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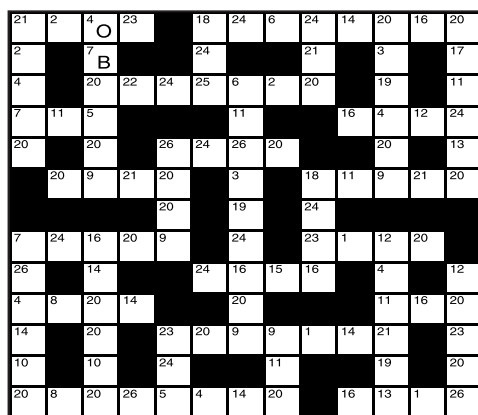
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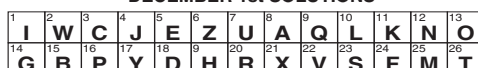
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



DECEMBER 1st SOLUTIONS



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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

- Boring material? (5)
- Supply vessel surrounded by fish (7)
- Take the lid off something? (7)
- Dance that has many a copier (5)
- Instrument used in early recordings (4)
- Relevant stuff (8)
- The air in Amiens (4)
- It's in poor taste to let it stand (4)
- Change to a dress offering some choice (8)
- Scenes made by politicians (4)
- She helps to fabricate wire netting (5)
- Learns about love in Italy (7)
- They supply hot water, naturally (7)
- Lad about to return stolen property (5)

Down

- Ambiguous combination of nobleman and guide (6,7)
- Risk having a dog at home (5)
- Amateurs compete for it (4)
- Class a number as precise (6)
- Make it all over again, just for amusement (8)
- I'm the type to make an impression (7)
- A touching tale, perhaps? (4,4,5)
- Stay for an execution (8)
- Possibly the rest may control (7)
- Gives over a hundred and relaxes (6)
- Collector's piece that's odd to us (5)
- Golfing association? (4)

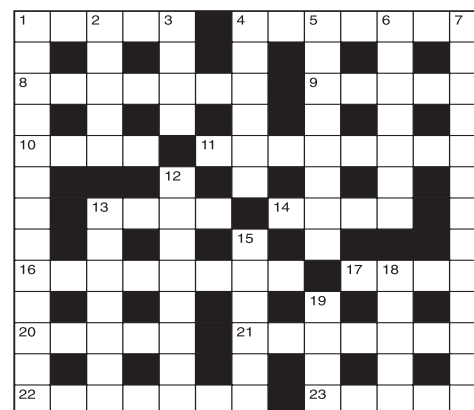
Quick Clues:

Across

- Category (5)
- Feign (7)
- Essential (7)
- Helvetian (5)
- Ceremony (4)
- Expansion (8)
- Excuse (4)
- Broad (4)
- Disclaim (8)
- Skilful (4)
- Small bay (5)
- Imprecise (7)
- Allegiance (7)
- Awe (5)

Down

- Causing dispute (13)
- Watchful (5)
- Unharmful (4)
- Wan (6)
- Rapturous (8)
- Building (7)
- Impartial (13)
- Refutation (8)
- Punishment (7)
- Sharpness (6)
- Valiant (5)
- Repair (4)



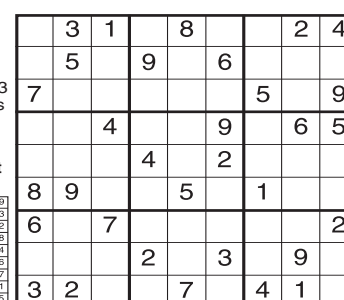
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CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Soho; 3 Carriage; 8 Silk; 9 Inaction; 11 Casual labour; 13 Repute; 14 Step up; 17 Take no notice; 20 Emotions; 21 Etui; 22 Pinafore; 23 Free. Down: 1 Sash-cord; 2 Holds up; 4 Annals; 5 Rock bottom; 6 Adieu; 7 Erme; 10 Past belief; 12 Appetite; 15 Printer; 16 Corner; 18 Adorn; 19 Keep. QUICK - Across: 1 Cant; 3 Artistic; 8 Nigh; 9 Animated; 11 Overpowering; 13 Nitwit; 14 Clever; 17 Ostentatious; 20 Anaconda; 21 Same; 22 Demented; 23 Left. Down: 1 Confound; 2 Neglect; 4 Renown; 5 Immorality; 6 Titan; 7 Code; 10 Upside down; 12 Prospect; 15 Violate; 16 Stodge; 18 Swarm; 19 Hard.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

DECEMBER 1st SOLUTIONS



Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
The letter represented by the question mark is A. Earring, necklace, bracelet, all items of jewellery.



Phil Jupitus brings book tour to Bridport and takes to the stage for rare stand-up gig

COMEDY legend Phil Jupitus entertained a sell-out crowd in Bridport last week with stand up, songs and a book reading - all due to a cheeky message on social networking site Twitter.

Phil, best known for being a regular team captain on *Never Mind the Buzzcocks*, was invited to Bridport via twitter after an appearance on *The One Show*. At the end of his interview he said: "If you want me to come to your shop, Tweet me".

Jan Jaggard, Manager of Waterstones in Bridport, enlisted the help of daughter Lily to send the tweet and sure enough he replied and arranged to come down.

Waterstones then joined forces with the Electric Palace and persuaded Phil to put on a stand up show, an artform he is only just returning to after more than a 10-year absence.

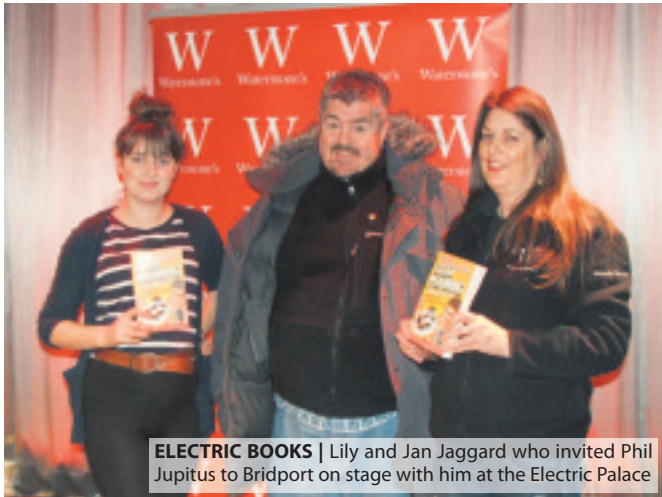
At his gig at the Electric Palace last week Phil delighted fans with tales of meeting his music heroes Paul McCartney and the Rolling Stones as well as giving his own take on being a parent to a teenage daughter.

Phil then read an extract from his new book *Good Morning Nantwich* before answering questions from the audience.

Among other things Phil revealed that he almost quit *Never Mind the Buzzcocks* last year when Simon Amstell was at the helm due to the direction the show was going in.

Phil rounded off his performance with an acoustic song he had written about his time on the road with Madness.

After finishing on the stage Phil then met fans in the foyer where he posed for photos and signed



ELECTRIC BOOKS | Lily and Jan Jaggard who invited Phil Jupitus to Bridport on stage with him at the Electric Palace

copies of his new book.

Speaking on the night Jan Jaggard said: "When Waterstones's pitch for authors having the Electric Palace as a venue is a real venue and the town really sells itself."

"Waterstones usually have to go through publishers so to have someone say tweet me and I'll come is absolutely amazing and for him to actually stay true to his word is great."

Gabby Rabbitts, of the Electric Palace added: "I think it was absolutely fabulous, another successful comedy night. I'm thrilled that he chose to do stand up here. Most of the other events have been very straight book signings. Jan at Waterstones just managed to speak to him on a particularly happy day and he committed to doing a whole performance. We are really lucky. He has been really generous of his time, he is really kind to come down for the evening and he's a very nice man."

Speaking before the gig, Phil praised the venue, he said: "I love old cinemas, I've gigged in many of them over the years. It's quite a beautiful room and I just love it when public spaces are kept in this kind of state."

Bridport United Church's Christmas Calendar of events

AFTER the thirteenth annual Christmas Tree Festival at Bridport United Church in East Street closes at 6pm this evening (Wednesday, December 15th) there is an invitation to singers to meet at the Church at 7pm to sing carols around the town to raise funds for the charity Action For Children.

On Saturday, December 18th there is a coffee mornign with stalls at 10am in the Main Hall and at 11am members of Churches Together come together for the annual outdoor Nativity in Buck Doo Square.

Coem and see Mary and Joseph arriving from the west with donkey, the Magi from the east, the shepherds from the south, and angels.

On Sunday morning at 10.30am Morning Worship will be conducted by Reverend Derrick Ackling from Dorchester, and the popular Carols by Candlelight service takes place at 6.30pm.

Christmas Eve carols and Communion by Candlelight will be held at 11.30pm followed on Christmas Day by All Age Worship at 10.30am.

Social club

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Saturday 31st December

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Christmas tree festival

BRIDPORT UNITED CHURCH East Street CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

Wednesday 15th December

Last day open 10am - 6pm

6pm Closing Prayers & Switching off of lights

Saturday 18th December

10am Coffee Morning with stalls in Main Hall

11am Churches Together in Bucky Doo Square

The Bridport Nativity

Sunday 19th December

10.30am Morning Worship - Rev'd Derrick Ackling

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve Friday 24th December

11.30pm Carols and Communion by Candlelight

Christmas Day Saturday 25th December

10.30am All Age Worship - Rev'd Kath Baldwin

Sunday 26th December

10.30am Morning Worship - Rev'd Kath Baldwin

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# Diary Dates

## WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 15TH & THURSDAY DECEMBER 16TH

**WEYMOUTH:** Carol Singing in the Park District. Meet at the Park Community Centre at 6.45pm. Everyone welcome.

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 17TH

**LYME REGIS:** A Presentation by Mike Townsend, plus Christmas Social at Hallet Court, organised by Lyme Bay Photographic Club. Telephone 01297 444733 for more details.

**AXMINSTER:** Christmas Bingo at the Guildhall from 8pm. Organised by Karizma Majorettes. telephone 01297 33286 for more details.

## SATURDAY DECEMBER 18TH

**DORCHESTER:** New to you sale at United Church, South Street from 10am - 12noon. Telephone 07974 450395 for more details.

**BEAMINSTER:** Christmas Dance 60s and 70s. At Beaminster Town Hall from 7.30pm - 11.45pm. Telephone 01308 862395 for more details.

**BRADPOLE:** Bradpole Social Club 'Christmas Draw Night' with live music from 'Foot-loose'. Doors open 7.30pm. Over 18s only.

**BRIDPORT:** Bridport Nativity in Bucky Doo Square from 11am

**BEAMINSTER:** 'Arise and Hail the Joyful Day' Annual Christmas Concert at Beaminster Museum from 7.30pm. Featuring the Beaminster Gallery Quire. Mulled wine and mince pies available. Tickets £6 available from Yarn Barton Centre. Telephone 01308 863577 for more details.

**BRIDPORT:** Church Coffee Morning with stalls at Bridport United Church Hall from 10am - 12noon. Telephone 01308 421629 for more details.

**DORCHESTER:** Meet Roving Press Authors at Words Etcetera Bookshop, 2 Cornhill from 1pm. Roving Press books and authors will be at the bookshop with special offers and signings on all our local books. Come and chat, buy your last-minute presents and enjoy free refreshments and children's activities. All children receive a lucky-dip prize.

## SATURDAY DECEMBER 18TH & SUNDAY DECEMBER 19TH

**WEYMOUTH:** Christmas Weekend Arts & Crafts Event at Willowbed Hall, Putton Lane, Chickerell from 8.15am - 1pm. Entry is free both days. Toilets and refreshments available, free parking nearby. Telephone 07704 227866 for more details.

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 31ST

**BRADPOLE:** Bradpole Social Club 'New Year's Eve Party Night' with Dukes Disco. Doors open 7.30pm till late.

## SUNDAY JANUARY 9TH 2011

**UPWEY:** Antiques, Collectors & Craft Fair from 9am - 4.30pm at Upwey & Broadway Memorial Hall. Telephone 01305 824164 for more details.

## SATURDAY JANUARY 15TH 2011

**MOSTERTON:** Burns' Night - Mosterton Style! At Mosterton Village Hall from 6.30pm (For 7.00pm start). Tickets cost £10, or £9 in advance - call 01308 868631 or 867891 for bookings or more details.

## FRIDAY JANUARY 21ST 2011

**BROADMAYNE:** Market at St Martin's Community Hall (next to the church). Raffle plants, books, jigsaws, cards, local pork, sausages and eggs, cakes and preserves, fair trade goods, cards and jewellery and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. Proceeds to St Martin's Community Hall. For more details call 01305 853765.

## SUNDAY JANUARY 30TH 2011

**WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM:** Annual Farmhouse Breakfast 9am - 2.30pm. For more details call Sue on 01297 489375.

# Feast of Christmas Seasonal Food Market

LOCAL shopping is one of the 21st century's great rediscovered pleasures. Where finer than the Georgian market town of Bridport home to many and varied independent shops selling hats, clothing, interior décor, healthfoods, music, toys, cameras, old books, bakers, butchers, a brewer, and a flourishing antique market. It's also a foodie mecca with its gastropub The George, the Bull Hotel and West Bay's 'Best in Dorset' award winning The Riverside Restaurant. What more reasons would you want to spend a Saturday shopping here?

The Feast of Christmas seasonal food market takes place at Bridport Arts Centre from 9am - 1pm on Saturday, December 18th.

You'll find around 20 stalls selling a mixture of locally-made produce and specialist foods from the area's growing number of food entrepreneurs. Including: Capreolus smoked meats; Bunnie's Love jams and preserves; Mr Filbert's delicious nuts;

Bath Pig charcuterie; Denhay bacon and Cheddar; West Milton Cider; Town Mill; Cheesemonger

selection; Leakers Bridport bread; Mabbetti French and Italian confectionery; Thoroughly Wild game and beef; Dorset Coffee Company; Sherston Teas; Gustosecco risottos and rice puddings; Honeybuns gluten-free baking.

You can also enjoy hot Denhay bacon sandwiches, have lunch at the Arts Centre's Green Yard café or grab a coffee and cake at nearby Bella's sandwich bar.

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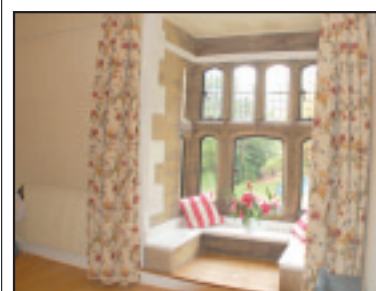
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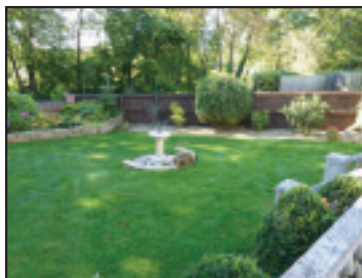
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#### BRIDPORT

**£239,950**



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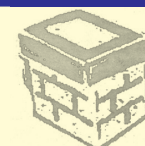
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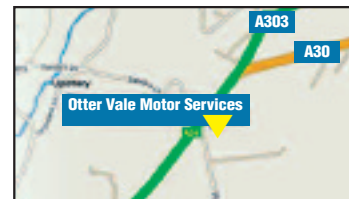
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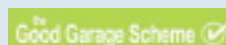
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ŠKODA UK is celebrating a Superb ending to 2010 as the brand's flagship model was named Family Car of the Year by Channel 5's hit show Fifth Gear.

"Right at the beginning of the year, I crowned this the greatest estate ever – and I stand by that even now. The mixture of space, speed, refinement, value, economy, comfort – it's a beaut," said Fifth Gear presenter, Jonny Smith. "Honestly, if you're a dad and you need a car to carry all the flotsam and jetsam that comes with it, this is the car you need. It's faultless. I love it."

This latest accolade represents the 20th awarded for Škoda UK this year, with the Octavia, Yeti, Superb and Superb Estate racking

up a raft of product awards across a wide range of publications and organisations. The Superb alone has this year won two Auto Express gongs, for Best Family and Best Estate Car; Best Large Car and Best Estate Car from Diesel Car; The Caravan Club's class winner and Towcar of the Year; and Fleet News' Best Upper-

Medium Car to name but a few. The Superb Estate was also named Top Gear's Luxury Car of the Year 2009. Meanwhile, the brand was named Which? Manufacturer of the Year and given the What Car? Reader Award for Best Manufacturer 2010.

Škoda also recently came top in the Auto Express Driver Power

Survey, while the brand was yet again ranked in the top 10 manufacturers of the J D Power Customer Satisfaction Survey for the 17th consecutive year.

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## LYME IN COUNTY SEMI-FINAL

## Rainbows face replay after 4-4 thriller

DORSET INTERMEDIATE CUP  
QUARTER-FINALS

## Alderholt 0 Lyme Regis 1

A GOAL from winger Rob Thomson described by Lyme Regis manager Robin Townsend as an 'Escape to victory' effort secured a semi-final berth for the Seaside after a stormy tie at Alderholt.

A 75th minute corner from Joel Gostling was flapped at by the home keeper and, after the ball clipped a defender's head and looped up in the air to Thomson who, with his back to goal, executed an exquisite overhead kick from eight yards for his third goal in four games.

Alderholt had the ball in the net soon after but the goal was ruled out for offside by referee David Torrence after he was alerted to Lyme linesman Malcolm Darby's raised flag.

This saw home tempers raised and the heat on the pitched turned up. Defender Mark Batey was forced off after particularly high challenge; "It was a shocker, he's on crutches and it's caused ligament damage" said Townsend whose team went on to keep their first clean sheet in 10 games.

The Lyme manager felt his side were far from their best, he said: "We started slowly and they pushed the ball around like Dorset sides tend to do for the first 20 minutes. From there on it turned physical which is no problem for us."

We were better after the break but still struggled to find our best form. The two players who stood out for me were Man-of-the-match Matt Laing, who was superb at the back,

and Adam Caddy."

*Lyme Regis FC are holding a Christmas Auction on Saturday (December 18th). Start time is 7pm - Everybody is welcome.*

## Ferndown Sp 4 Beaminster 4 (aet)

DESPITE leading four times at Ferndown Sports Beaminster manager Sean Annetts was relieved to head back to West Dorset with his side still in the competition.

"We had four or five missing because of the early leave time, but the Reserves who stepped in did a good job particularly Richie Middleton in the midfield."

Jamie McClements gave the visitors an early lead but the hosts grabbed the first of their equalisers. Chris Rowsell restored the lead before the interval but a second-half penalty awarded for a foul by Ben Ward saw things levelled again at 2-2.

Next marksman for Beaminster was skipper Murray Legg with his first goal in almost three months following a spell sidelined by injury. Back came Ferndown again only for in-form striker Dean Newman to bag his six goal in four games.

It looked like being the winner until the hosts levelled for the fourth time to force extra-time and a subsequent reply at the Memorial Ground next weekend.

## DORSET JUNIOR CUP

## QUARTER-FINAL

## Netherbury 2 S.C. Demolition 3

NETHERBURY manager Andy Loudon was 'Gutted' in the way his

side was dumped out of the Dorset Junior Cup at the hands of Bournemouth League Division Three outfit South Coast Demolition.

"I don't normally criticise officials but the referee and their linesman were awful. I don't mind losing in a fair manner but some of the decisions were disgraceful."

Tim Hussey scored twice for the Ambers and also had two disallowed for offside to the fury of the hosts who trailed 3-1 at half-time and dominated after the restart.

## ARTHUR GAGE CUP

## ROUND ONE

Charmouth handed a walkover win and a quarter-final place to Perry Street Reserves.

## DIVISION ONE

## Lyme Res 0 Crewkerne Town 3

LYME Regis Reserves showed glimpses of promise before going down 3-0 to promotion-chasing Crewkerne Town to remain in the bottom two in division one.

"I was pleased with the performance of some of the younger players - we played some nice football at times" said Seaside's player-manager Gerard Hitchcock.

Ultimately it was Lyme's lack of an out-and-out goal scorer that cost them dearly as several clear-cut chances came and went.

Crewkerne on the other hand have proven PSL goal scorers in Paul Gold (179 goals) and Barry Hayne (218). And it was Gold who finally broke the deadlock with a tap-in in the 70th minute.

Moments later Harvey Brimicombe, who had another fine game,

burst through at the other end but lashed a good chance over the bar.

But the result was sealed in the 74th minute when Tigers' skipper Jamie Spurdle jinked past three defenders before slotting home.

Hayne netted number three, in off the foot of the post, seven minutes from time. Brimicombe thought he had bagged a late consolation but a linesman's flag saw it ruled it out.

Midfielder Derek Walkey, who lined-up alongside son Ashley for the first time in a competitive game, gave an inspirational showing to the Seaside's youngsters.

## DIVISION TWO

## Chard Rangers 2 Pymore 6

PYMORE ended a five game losing streak and moved up a place to seventh in the table with a fine 6-2 win at doomed Chard Rangers.

Cameron Murless (3), Rob Hedditch, Alex Goodrick and Brandon Scadding scored for the visitors whose top performers were midfielder Mick Gilmore and stand-in 'keeper Nathan Dennett.

## Hawkchurch 3 Shepton Beau 5

HAWKCHURCH showed some fighting spirit after slipping 5-0 behind to a Sam Murley-inspired Shepton Beauchamp side.

Murley scored a first-half hat-trick to leave the Hawks reeling. But, after shipping two more the hosts staged a creditable fightback and netted three times through Gavin Herrod, Dan Morley and Leo Maguire.

## Hinton 3 Uplyme 1

UPLYME headed off to face Hinton for the fifth time in 2010.

Swallows' manager Rob Coombe was without seven first team regulars but was however able to give a debut to Rob Fellingham - the ex-Seaton Town midfielder has been training with Southern League Weymouth.

Indecision in the visitors' defence saw veteran Ade Male give Hinton a fifth minute lead.

Lloyd Doble added a second five minutes after the restart and revenge for last week's Jack Venn Cup tie defeat looked on the cards.

But minutes later Uplyme were thrown a lifeline when Kieron White's free-kick was flicked on by Adam Neale and Stuart King swiveled to hook home a fine scissor-kick to halve the deficit.

King went close to adding a second soon after but his effort came back off the crossbar.

With two minutes remaining a freak goal finally killed off the visitors. Goal-keeper Lloyd Cleal attempted to launch a long clearance upfield only for the ball to cannon into Ben Laver's knees and balloon back into the empty net.

Coombe felt his side were worth a win, he said: "I felt we should have left for home with all three points never mind a draw."

## DIVISION THREE

## Drimpton 2 Farway Utd Res 2

TWO Steve Dunkerton goals saw Drimpton earn a valuable point and



**CUP WINNER:** Winger Rob Thomson scored the goal which earned Lyme Regis a Dorset Intermediate semi-final



**ON TARGET:** Chris Rowsell bagged Beaminster's second in the 4-4 draw with Ferndown Sports.



**DOUBLE:** Steve Dunkerton scored twice as Drimpton secured a valuable point after a 2-2 draw.

move up a place to seventh after a 2-2 draw with Farway Reserves.

## Lyme Bantams 1 Chard United 2

A 89th MINUTE penalty from Rory Holmes was all that Lyme Regis Bantams had to show for their efforts at Venlake on Saturday.

After a goal less first-half Tom Newport gave visiting Chard United the lead which Ricky Anderson doubled with a sensational 25-yarder into the top corner despite the best efforts of 'keeper Rob Thom's and his fingertips.

Lyme were very impressed by referee Chris Vowles and had a star man in young full-back Rob Greenwood.

## DORSET INTERMEDIATE CUP

## QUARTER-FINALS

Alderholt 0 Lyme Regis 1

Ferndown Sports 4 Beaminster 4 (aet)

## DORSET JUNIOR CUP

## QUARTER-FINAL

Netherbury 2 S.Coast Demolition 3

## SOMERSET JUNIOR CUP

## ROUND THREE (32)

Bath Arsenal 3 South Petherton 2

## SOMERSET INTERMEDIATE CUP

## ROUND THREE (32)

Stogursey 3 Forton Rangers 2  
Winsham Utd 2 Glastonbury Town 0  
Combe A 1 Weston St Johns 9

## DEVON INTERMEDIATE CUP

## ROUND FOUR (East)

Farway United 7 East Budleigh Res 1  
Woodbury 8 Millwey Rise 4

## CORONATION CUP

## SEMI-FINAL

Perry Street 4 Ilminster Reserves 0

## PREMIER

Merriott Rovers 3 Combe Reserves 2  
Misterton 3 Barrington 3

## ARTHUR GAGE CUP

## ROUND ONE

Charmouth v Perry Street Reserves  
(Away W/O)

## REG EGLON CUP

## ROUND ONE

Barrington Res v Ilminster Town A  
Chard United Res 3 Hinton Res 2  
W & M Chinn Res 3 Thorncombe Res 2

## DIVISION ONE

Lyme Regis Res 0 Crewkerne Town 3  
Thorncombe 3 Ilminster Town Colts 2

## DIVISION TWO

Chard Rangers 2 Pymore 6  
Hawkchurch 3 Shepton Beauchamp 5  
Hinton 3 Uplyme 1  
S.Petherton Res 2 Dowlish & Don 5

## DIVISION THREE

Drimpton 2 Farway United Res 2  
Lyme Bantams 1 Chard United 2  
Millwey Rise Res 3 Winsham Utd Res 4

## DIVISION FOUR

Shepton Res 8 Chard Rangers Res 0

## FIXTURES - December 18th

## JUBILEE CUP

Yeovil League XI v

## LYME REGIS CRIBBAGE

**RESULTS** for Monday, December 6th; Axminster Con Club 1 Lamb Swans 4, Nags Head 4 New Inn Kilm A 1, New Inn Kilm B 3 Stepps 2, Ship LR 0 Beer Club 5, Rocky II 3 Axe Valiants 2.

|                     | P  | W  | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|---------------------|----|----|---|----|----|-----|
| Beer Club           | 12 | 10 | 2 | 39 | 21 | 39  |
| Rocky II            | 12 | 8  | 4 | 35 | 25 | 35  |
| Axminster Cons      | 12 | 8  | 4 | 34 | 26 | 34  |
| Lamb Swans          | 12 | 7  | 5 | 31 | 29 | 31  |
| Nags Head LR        | 12 | 5  | 7 | 31 | 29 | 31  |
| New Inn Kilington A | 12 | 7  | 5 | 30 | 30 | 30  |
| Axe Valiants        | 12 | 6  | 6 | 29 | 31 | 29  |
| Stepps              | 12 | 4  | 8 | 26 | 34 | 26  |
| New Inn Kilington B | 11 | 2  | 9 | 22 | 33 | 22  |
| Ship Inn LR         | 11 | 2  | 9 | 19 | 36 | 19  |

**BEER LEAGUE:** Axminster Con Club 1 Lamb Swans 2, Nags Head 2 New Inn Kilm A 1, New Inn Kilm B 0 Stepps 3, Ship LR 3 Beer Club 0, Rocky II 2 Axe Valiants 1.

| BEER                | P  | W | L  | F  | A  | Pts |
|---------------------|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Lamb Swans          | 12 | 9 | 3  | 22 | 14 | 22  |
| New Inn Kilington A | 12 | 8 | 4  | 21 | 15 | 21  |
| Ship LR             | 11 | 7 | 4  | 21 | 12 | 21  |
| Beer Club           | 12 | 8 | 4  | 19 | 17 | 19  |
| Stepps              | 12 | 6 | 6  | 19 | 17 | 19  |
| Rocky II            | 12 | 7 | 5  | 18 | 18 | 18  |
| New Inn Kilington B | 11 | 5 | 6  | 17 | 16 | 17  |
| Nags Head LR        | 12 | 4 | 8  | 14 | 22 | 14  |
| Axe Valiants        | 12 | 3 | 9  | 13 | 23 | 13  |
| Axminster Cons      | 12 | 2 | 10 | 13 | 23 | 13  |

**Fixtures,** December 20th: Lamb Swans v Nags Head, New Inn Kilington A v New Inn Kilington B, Stepps v Ship Inn LR, Beer Club v Rocky II, Axe Valiants v Axminster Con Club.

## HONITON 7 UPLYME U16s 1

DEPLETED Uplyme found themselves having to play this game with only ten men due to a flu bug ruling out four of the squad on the morning of the match.

However, having weathered early pressure they passed the ball well and came close to scoring when Liam Aldworth shot narrowly wide.

Honiton took the lead after 15 minutes but Uplyme continued to contest the game well and Harry Thresher equalised on 25 minutes after a strong run and cross from Sam Jones.

Honiton regained the lead when Uplyme 'keeper Brett James allowed a strong shot to go beneath his body, and were unfortunate to fall further behind when a cross unluckily deflected off George Heath into the goal. Honiton scored again just before the break to make the score 4-1.

Playing with ten men and captain Jones struggling with a back injury, Uplyme came under constant pressure throughout the second-half.

Heath ran the length of the field in an Uplyme break but was thwarted by a good tackle as he closed in on goal.

James was kept busy in goal and made several good saves, as Honiton eventually ran out 7-1 winners. Johnnie Turner was Uplyme's Man-of-the-Match.

WEST DORSET FOOTBALL

WITH STUART BROOM

# MOSS MAGIC EARNS PLACE IN LAST 32

## DORCHESTER TOWN 3 St ALBANS CITY 0

**FA Trophy Round One - Attendance: 302**

MATCH winner Ryan Moss stole the show as Dorchester got back to work by crushing St Albans City 3-0 in the FA Carlsberg Trophy First Round tie.

After a goalless first half he put Dorchester ahead within 40 seconds of the restart and then set Rico Wilson up for his first goal for the club just three minutes later. Wilson's day got better by when he added the Magpies third on 68 minutes to ensure a £5000 windfall for the club for winning.

Following three weeks without a game, the Magpies looked a little rusty early on as St Albans dominated the game without causing the Dorchester defence any problems, but after the first 15 minutes they found their form and dominated the match from therein.

Their change in fortune seemed to coincide with a change of referee; Adam Hopkins of Plymouth having to be replaced by fourth official Dean McEllin from Bristol with what looked like a calf or hamstring injury.

Immediately before, Neil Martin created the Magpies first chance on goal when he received the ball back from his own throw-in before forcing his way past David Deeney's tackle as he cut in from the byeline. However Saints veteran keeper Paul Bastock palmed away his acute angle drive.

Nick Crittenden looked to have a great chance as he picked up skipper Mark Jermyn's chip over the visitors defence, but as he bore down on goal, Saints giant defender and captain Ryan Frater stuck out his long leg to produce a superb tackle that caused Crittenden to lose momentum, and the opportunity was lost.

Almost immediately Wilson should have done better when Frater missed Kyle Critchell's through ball. Wilson was on it like a flash but Bastock reacted immediately and blocked his shot at point blank range as he raced from goal and the ball was cleared for a corner. Whilst it was understandable for Wilson to take on the shot he might have slipped the ball sideways to Moss who could have run it into an empty net. Critchell headed over from Steve Devlin's resultant corner.

With Jermyn and Devlin commanding midfield, Dorchester continued to dominate before St Albans recorded their only shot in the first half on 37 minutes. Their tall striker Ollie Palmer, on loan from Woking, turned inside Critchell on the left hand side of the box before firing in a shot which took a deflection off Jermyn, but keeper Simon Evans had no problems in changing direction to safely gather the ball.

Moss stood on the ball when put through by Martin, before Devlin prevented the ball running behind when a long right wing cross evaded everybody and pulled it back for Moss whose snap shot was blocked two yards out from goal at the expense of a non-productive corner.

For all their endeavours Dorchester had nothing to show for their efforts as the sides went into the break.

However that changed immediately after the interval when Moss got his revenge having been heavily policed in the first half by the towering Frater, and he fired the Magpies into the lead with a low shot from 15 yards after Crittenden had put him in the clear.

He almost added another a minute later when he latched on to Critchell's headed pass and held off Frater but hooked his shot on the turn over the bar.

However two minutes later he set up Wilson for his first goal for the Magpies. Bastock and central defender Dave Peters both looked to ferry a ball out of play for a goal kick under pressure from Moss who nipped between the two before turning the ball back across the goalmouth for Wilson to run over the line.

Dorchester immediately substituted Critchell, who had needed treatment on his ankle following a tackle in the first half, bringing on James Coutts in midfield with Jermyn reverting to right back.

Such was Dorchester's dominance that it was over an hour before Evans had an on target shot to deal with and as frustration set in St Albans began to lose their cool. Moss was now leading Frater a merry dance as the Magpies fitness told, and the Saints skipper was lucky to only be booked when he pulled Moss over rugby style as the striker headed for goal. He almost paid for it with a goal but Devlin's left foot free-kick from 25 yards just curled beyond the far post.

Wilson booked his side's place in the draw for the second round on 68 minutes when Bastock dropped Devlin's corner. The striker's first shot was blocked by the keeper, but he kept his cool and blasted the ball home as he swivelled on the rebound.

How Bastock remained on the field minutes later remains

a mystery. He raced from goal and flattened Moss as he rounded the keeper two yards outside of the area, but after a lengthy delay for treatment to Moss, only received a yellow card.

Wilson should have completed his hat-trick in the last minute of normal time when after beating three defenders in a mazy run, he sidefooted the ball beyond Bastock and the far post from ten yards.

Matt Hocking became the third visitor to go in the book when he unceremoniously floored Crittenden, as Dorchester breezed through to the next round.

## Terras edge closer

### WEYMOUTH 2 EVESHAM UNITED 0

**Zamearetto Premier - Attendance: 486**

WEYMOUTH edged closer to avoiding relegation with a vital win over fellow basement boys Evesham United at the Bob Lucas Stadium.

Two second half goals in a workmanlike performance saw the Terras move within three points of their opponents and Tiverton Town and six points from safety.

Evesham started the better in an vital game for both sides with David Accam particularly prominent, but the nearest Weymouth came was when Wooleaston had his effort blocked by Anthony Watson, and Ben Gerring header that went wide.

Evesham were lucky not to be reduced to ten men when Samuel Mensah, who had already been booked, clattered Richard Groves just before the break.

The game finally came to life on 51 minutes when Warren Byerley after receiving the ball wide on the right headed for goal. Showing some deft footwork he was tripped by the taunted Jamie Hyde as he went to go by him inside the area. Byerley showed his usual surefootedness and accuracy by beating Nathan Vaughan on the spot.

The Robins responded and Accam again went close with two more efforts that just missed their target, before Weymouth got the second goal that sealed the win.

After some patient build up, Evesham's defence repelled a cross from the right that fell to Byerley on the edge of the box. His shot was blocked but the ball ran to Rob Wooleaston who nipped ahead of a defender to drill the ball home from six yards.

Despite renewed pressure from the visitors, the Terras held firm to claim three vital points.

## Filkins still on radar

DORCHESTER Town assistant manager Phil Simkin was keen to emphasise that whilst 17-year-old Sam Filkins has been out on loan at Bridport this season, he is still very much in the club's plans and not forgotten.

Filkins joined the Bees in pre-season following a hand injury to regular keeper Jamie Fry, and has been ever present but for one game when he was unavailable.

He has been a key part of a strong defence that has kept seven clean sheets in league and cup games and only conceded 15 goals in 14 Toolstation Western League First Division matches this season.

Simkin explained: "Sam has done very well at Bridport and I know Trevor Senior is very happy with how he is playing."

"The fact is that we had several keepers here at Dorchester at the beginning of the season and when Bridport asked about loaning someone to cover for Jamie Fry we felt it would be better for Sam at his age to play regular senior football than to play at youth level or sit on the bench.

"He is a good size and has done superbly well for Bridport. We are well aware of how well he is doing, and he is certainly not forgotten and on the radar that's for sure.

## Persistent Bees break Glass

### BRIDPORT 3 ROMAN GLASS 1

**Toolstation Division One - Attendance: 56**

BRIDPORT received an early Christmas present as they eventually forced Roman Glass St George into submission to regain third spot in the Toolstation Western League First Division.

The Bristol side put up little resistance as Bridport pounded the visitor's goal, and it looked like the Bees would win by a hatful. However a superb second half display from keeper Adam Grocock left the result in the balance until the last minute when Darren Watts shattered Glass' hopes of an unexpected and undeserved point with a third Bridport goal.

Manager Trevor Senior kept faith with the team that beat Wimborne Town in the Dorset Senior Cup in their last game, leaving the very experienced trio of Watts, Dan Wise and Matt Condliffe on the bench; his only change being Shane Evans for the suspended Tristan Gale up front.

Early efforts by Russell Legg and Jamie Symes showed Bridport's intent to try and get an early lead which they did on eleven minutes. Sixteen-year-old Dan Peart who was man-of-the-match at Wimborne produced a superb piece of skill by shaping to cross before cutting inside his full-back and squaring the ball for the inrushing Ryan Dovell to drive home from 12 yards.

The striker almost grabbed a second minutes later but was denied by Jamie Johnson as he shaped to shoot, before the Bees scored again midway through the first-half.

Chris Clarke took a quick throw in which was returned to him before he produced a superb cross that arched towards goal where Jamie Symes burst between two defenders to bullet home a header from six yards.

Dovell headed wide and then had another effort cleared off the line as Bridport overwhelmed their opponents, but ten minutes from the break Roman Glass scored in a rare break upfield through Nathan Baird, with the assistance of Bees Ryan Hayter.

Baird collected the ball and turned to fire in a shot from 25 yards just as Hayter got in his tackle, and the ball looped up off the unfortunate defender and into the top right hand corner beyond the grasp of keeper Sam Filkins.

The young gloveman who had been redundant for most of the match, then produced a magnificent save to stop the visitors grabbing an undeserved equaliser, when a neat one-two put Paul Coles free on goal. Coles hit the ball well and true, but Filkins produced a top drawer save by diving low to turn it away.

The second-half was a procession towards the visitor's goal, but a string of saves from Grocock meant that the result was in the balance until the end.

He first foiled Dovell from point-blank range, and although he could only palm Legg's 25-yard drive into the air, he recovered quickly to grab it. Then Evans couldn't get enough purchase on a header from an acute angle to worry the keeper, before Grocock frustrated the striker by blocking his initial shot before palming away his follow up. He then held on to a fierce Jamie Symes header from a corner.

Bridport then had a good appeal for a penalty turned down when Evans was impeded and sub Rob Condliffe hit the right hand post. Watts finally secured the deserved victory when he beat three players in a mazy run before beating Grocock from 12 yards.

## No disgrace in defeat

**HAMWORTHY REC 5 BRIDPORT RESERVES 0**

DESPITE a catalogue of misfortune that preceded this Magna Dorset Premier League match, joint manager Steve Crabb admitted that Hamworthy Rec were by far the best side they have played this season.

With a number of suspensions and unavailability's both the reserves and third team only had a squad of 12 players. Things got worse however when the minibus failed to start and the team had to travel in cars, only for one of them to get lost en-route meaning Bridport started the match with just eight players.

Despite this Bridport held the league leaders until the others arrived, and it wasn't until midway through the first half that the hosts opened their account. Having played superb passing football it was a surprise when a long kick out from keeper Kevin Leonard was missed by the Bees defence and Jamie Moores ran through to beat Lee Cleal.

Bridport now at full strength were getting into their stride and were enjoying their best period of the match when Hamworthy struck right on the stroke of halftime through Mike Notley.

Bridport were still in the match after the break and Ben Clarke had a great chance to get his side back in the game but failed to take it, and when they conceded a third from Daniel Blackburn soon after heads dropped a bit. Two more strikes from Ryan Lucas. And Jimmy Osbourne completed the scoring which Crabb felt was a fair reflection of the game.

"It didn't help to start with only eight, but to be fair to them they would have won anyway. We had a few players that haven't played for a few weeks which was unfortunate as you need to be on the top of your game against a side like them, but they are the best team we have played.

"They knocked the ball around well and although we did have spells in the game where we matched them, the timing of the second goal was unfortunate, and after Ben's miss they rubbed salt into the wound with a third.

"We should be stronger next week with the three suspended available again, and no first team game will help."

## Bees hang on for point

### MERE TOWN 2 BRIDPORT THIRDS 2

LIKE Bridport Reserves the Thirds had selection problems and just managed to muster the bare 11 with manager Jason Forbes naming himself as sub along with running the line and being bagman.

With a propensity of forwards, Forbes went with three at the back which resulted in an exciting and attacking game. Bridport took the lead on 20 minutes when Chris Symes picked the ball up on the right before cutting in and firing home a low shot from 20-yards.

Mere equalised almost immediately when the Bees conceded a sloppy goal after the defence failed to clear the ball.

Jack Scovell restored Bridport's lead minutes later when he pounced to score after the home keeper failed to hold Colin Paul's shot, but disaster struck on the half-hour when Lee Neill mistimed his tackle when a Mere forward broke clear and he was sent off after being adjudged the last man. To rub salt in the wound, they equalised from the resulting free-kick.

Down to ten men, Bridport came under pressure and were reduced to nine just on the break when Jake Williams was the victim of a poor two-footed tackle that went unpunished.

Forbes found a volunteer linesman during the interval and came on in defence to bolster his side. Although under constant siege in the second half, Bridport held on to record a valuable point and might have even won it from a couple of half chances.

Forbes said: "All credit to the lads. We had to overcome a number of obstacles, and in the second half worked really hard and deserved the point.

"Over the past six weeks or so we have played well in patches, but we were consistent on Saturday and kept the ball well.

Despite being under huge pressure in the second half we created a couple of half chances ourselves and might have even snatched all three points.

"After a few indifferent performances following a good start to the season, it was good to see the players with a smile on their faces in the dressing room afterwards."

### Bridport U15 8 Bearwood 0

BRIDPORT Youth U15s maintained their undefeated league campaign with an emphatic but hard worked 8-0 victory over Bournemouth side Bearwood.

On a heavily cut up pitch the young Bees started brightly, but found it hard to play their normal passing game and effectively break down a resilient and well marshalled defence.

It took them 20 minutes to do so before captain Levi Gale found Thomas Jones on the edge of the box who scored with a shot into the top left corner.

This settled the hosts and in form Jordan Daniels added a second five minutes later with a cross shot after a good build up, and could have increased their lead further before the break.

Bridport improved their passing after the break to produce some fine attacking football, but it was the visitors who came closest with Bees keeper David Persey pulling off two outstanding saves to keep them ahead.

Daniels however soon put the game beyond Bearwood with two more goals to complete his hat-trick. Conal Judd-English and Gale added further strikes against a now demoralised opposition before Daniels took his tally to five to complete the scoring.

This was a fine team performance with not just excellent attacking football on show; it was also an accomplished defensive display in which Tom McNamee was the pick. Man-of-match - Tom Jones, Levi Gale.

### Bridport U11 6 Corfe Mullen 0

BRIDPORT got off to a good, strong start against Corfe Mullen, passing the ball well and creating a host of chances. The visitors had no answers as goals from Jack Bradley, Harry Kilcoin, Jake Rowland and man-of-the-match Callum Middleton gave Bridport a comfortable half-time advantage.

The visitors started the second half brightly, but Bridport soon took command again after making some substitutions including a debut for Henry Davey who soon made his mark with a goal.

Harley Garrett crowned a good team performance with a brilliant volley to complete the scoring.

# Levi lifts LYP top award

LODERS Young Players (LYP) who celebrated another successful year in tennis, archery and kwik cricket held their ninth awards presentations at Loders Village Hall recently.

Chairman David Lee welcomed everyone and highlighted the years successes. He thanked the committee, volunteers and coaches for their invaluable help and acknowledged the tremendous support from within the village.

A busy group, LYP are affiliated to Dorset Youth Association, Bridport Tennis Club and work very closely with Loders Youth Club, Loders Primary School and Powerstock Junior

Cricket Club.

LYPs are grateful to those who have donated funds this year; Loders PCC Fete committee and Nikki Challis and helpers for the Valentine's Ball at Eype.

Trophies winners were :-

Tennis - Most improved: Frankie Chant, runner up: Conor Tett (presented by LYP Vice Chair Des Gale on behalf of Alan Cash).

Archery - Most improved: Ophelia Bowring, runner up: Eva Bowring (presented by archery coaches Alan Dennis and Pat)

Kwik cricket - Most improved: Daisy Parsons, runner up: Jasper

Melville (presented by Ashley Chant)

The Captain John Hughes Special Achievement award: Presented by Mrs Pat Hughes to Levi Gale in recognition of his success in both tennis and real tennis.

Levi has been selected to train with the British Junior Real Tennis team after his recent success at competitions around the country.

All children received a medal in recognition of their commitment and achievements.

The children presented the coaches with gifts of appreciation and look forward to a busy 2011.



## Successful night for Portland boxers

ALL FOUR Portland boxers were successful at the club's pre-Christmas tournament held in the Conservative Club recently when a hastily rearranged bill was devised after the planned Dorset Select v Surrey Select match had to be cancelled due to heavy snow in the south-east.

Portland AFC secretary Vince Ealeson said: "Several of the Surrey boxers were buried under several feet of snow, so we had to hastily rearrange the evening and managed to get eleven bouts on, and it was an excellent nights boxing at a great venue which we were using for the first time."

The club boxers and coaches paraded their new kits sponsored by Portland Stone Limited before the boxing commenced.

The evening began with a skills bout between Portland's Kane Hamilton and Tom Upshall from Sturminster Newton. Skill bouts are a stepping stone from gym work to competitive boxing. These are not scored but show the crowd the skills involved with the sport. Hamilton has come through the Kid Gloves section of the club and his years in this clearly showed, with him going through the full array of skills and wooing the crowd.

Portland's Taylor Wakefield who was having a rematch with Ocean Harrison from Launceston; their first encounter being a very close affair which Harrison won by a slim majority. This fight certainly lived up to the last one, with both boxers giving 100 per cent and not allowing the other to gain a big points advantage.

It all came down to the last round and with both boxers knowing it was close, it became a game of cat and mouse as both boxers tried to gain an advantage, but a quick flurry of punches by Wakefield was enough to give him the bout by a very close score, both boxers showing the crowd what level of skill they have learnt.

Another Portland boxer having a rematch was Luke Alder who won the first encounter with Taunton's Connor Ackland on points, and once again he produced a solid display to win again on points. Having learned a lot from the first fight, he didn't give Ackland the chances he did before, and had closed out the bout by the middle of the third to seal an easy victory.

Club captain Ryan Thomas boxed a very worthy opponent in Gary Coles from Kingswood, near Bristol. Thomas has been struggling to find opponents this sea-

son and this was his first bout of the campaign, whilst Coles boxed in the next weight division down last season and was making his debut at the higher weight.

This proved his downfall with Thomas a natural light heavy weight, and from the bell he moved easily around the ring, and being the taller boxer waited for Coles to make the moves first. Not long into the first round Coles came in low trying to connect to the body but was met with a powerful right hand from Thomas which saw the Kingswood boxer crashing to the canvas. Although he valiantly got to his feet, the referee could see he was clearly dazed and stopped the bout.

The final Portland boxer in the ring was Ryans older brother Arran who fought Bryce Goodridge from Basingstoke, after his scheduled opponent was forced to pull out after failing to shake off a severe bout of flu.

Thomas certainly had his work cut out with Goodridge who was a lot taller, and was forced to go looking for his shots with Goodridge happy to lay back and counter. Thomas realising he needed to push the pace to close out the bout pressed forward in the fourth round not allowing Goodridge the space he needed to work off his jab, and was rewarded with a points victory.

Ealeson said it was a great evening with the conservative club perfect hosts giving the spectators an excellent meal and great service. He also thanked all the clubs that came especially those that had travelled a long distance in harsh weather.

The club will be looking to hold another dinner show at the same venue next year in May or June and fans are warned to book early as it is always sold out.

**Results** (winners in bold type): 1. Tom Upshall (Sturminster Newton) v Kane Hamilton (Portland) skills, 2. Ben Benham (Blandford) v Brad Becket (Taunton) skills, 3. Ocean Harrison (Launceston) v **Taylor Wakefield** (Portland) pts, 4. **Reece Beasley** (Golden Ring) v Thomas Power (Taunton) pts, 5. Connor Ackland (Taunton) v **Luke Alder** (Portland) pts, 6. **Lawrence Cartwright** v Ali Rahimi (Reading) pts, 7. **Craig Charnock** (Launceston) v Raynor Mason (Poole) pts, 8. Gary Coles (Kingswood) v **Ryan Thomas** (Portland) rsc1, 9. Sean Dixon (Bridport) v **Brandon Hagget** (Taunton) pts, 10. Bryce Goodridge (Basingstoke) v **Arran Thomas** (Portland) pts, 11. Dan Cooper (Oakmead) v **Andrius Kalenda** (Taunton) rsc3.



■ **SECONDS OUT:** Portland ABC boxers and coaches pictured ahead of the recent pre-Christmas tournament.

## Beaminster & Bridport Pool League

| Division One             | P | W | D | F  | A  | +/- | Pts |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| Red Hot Shots.....       | 7 | 5 | 2 | 43 | 27 | 16  | 43  |
| Rack 'n' Roll.....       | 7 | 5 | 1 | 41 | 29 | 12  | 41  |
| Bendiwafflebangers.....  | 7 | 4 | 1 | 41 | 29 | 12  | 41  |
| Trawlerz.....            | 7 | 5 | 0 | 39 | 31 | 8   | 39  |
| Ringers.....             | 7 | 8 | 2 | 38 | 42 | -4  | 38  |
| Babe Magnets.....        | 7 | 3 | 2 | 36 | 34 | 2   | 36  |
| Can't Pool Be Pool.....  | 7 | 1 | 1 | 28 | 42 | -14 | 28  |
| West Dorset Wonders..... | 7 | 0 | 3 | 28 | 42 | -14 | 28  |
| Hots Hit.....            | 7 | 1 | 1 | 26 | 44 | -18 | 26  |

| Division Two           | P | W | D | F  | A  | +/- | Pts |
|------------------------|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| Oak Blokes.....        | 6 | 3 | 3 | 39 | 21 | 18  | 39  |
| Proper Anchors.....    | 7 | 3 | 3 | 39 | 31 | 8   | 39  |
| Oak Royals.....        | 6 | 4 | 1 | 37 | 23 | 14  | 37  |
| Nelson's Flagship..... | 6 | 3 | 3 | 36 | 24 | 12  | 36  |
| Half Nelson.....       | 6 | 1 | 3 | 29 | 31 | -2  | 29  |
| King Shots.....        | 6 | 1 | 3 | 29 | 31 | -2  | 29  |
| Hopeless.....          | 6 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 45 | -30 | 15  |
| Jokers*.....           | 5 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 34 | -18 | 12  |

(\* 4pts deducted)

## Lyme Regis Darts League Standard toppled

RESULTS, December 9th: **Division One** - Nags Head A 7 George A 1, Rockpoint A 6 Lamb B 2, Lamb A 8 Rubber Johns 0.

|                   | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Nags Head A.....  | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 53 | 11 | 16  |
| Rousdon Club..... | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 47 | 9  | 12  |
| George A.....     | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 37 | 27 | 9   |
| Rockpoint A.....  | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 24 | 32 | 7   |
| Rubber Johns..... | 7 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 19 | 37 | 5   |
| Lamb A.....       | 8 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 24 | 40 | 4   |
| Nags Z.....       | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 12 | 36 | 3   |
| Lamb B.....       | 7 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 16 | 40 | 2   |

**Division Two** - Royal Standard 2 Janners 6, Talbot Arms 4 Nags Head B 4, Young Guns +1 3 George B 5.

|                     | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Royal Standard..... | 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 39 | 17 | 10  |
| Talbot Arms.....    | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 31 | 25 | 8   |
| Janners.....        | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 30 | 26 | 8   |
| Nags Head B.....    | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 27 | 29 | 8   |
| George B.....       | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 28 | 28 | 6   |
| Young Guns +1.....  | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 22 | 18 | 5   |
| Royal Oak.....      | 6 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 7  | 41 | 1   |

**Fixtures, December 16th:** Nags Head B v Nags Head A, Rousdon Club v Lamb B, Rubber Johns v George A, Nags Head B v Nags Head A, Royal Oak v Royal Standard.

**Stat Leaders: 180s** (3+): Terry Prowse (Nags Head A) 6, Nigel Bell (Rubber Johns), Darren Herbert (Rousdon Club) and Tony Young (Rousdon Club) all 3.

**Highest finish:** Darren Herbert 158.

## More than just a world champion boxer

MOST of the large crowd that enjoyed the guest appearance of former undefeated British and European welterweight champion, and WBC Welterweight Champion of the World, John H Stracey at Bridport Amateur Boxing Club's recent tournament most will not know that he has a hidden talent as a cabaret singer and has a Christmas song out!

John H is no stranger to the area. He bought a hotel in Bournemouth after he retired from boxing in 1979, and often travelled through Bridport on his way to make guest appearances, mainly at boxing related events in Devon, Cornwall and Somerset.

He visited Bridport when he was selling the hotel in 1984 as one of the prospective buyers owned a caravan site close to the town, although they did not eventually buy it.

Married to Kathy, his wife of 23 years, he now lives near her family in the Wirral but often travels to Poole where his parents still live.

He was born and grew up in Bethnal Green in a typical East-end council flat that overlooked Whitechapel Road where just behind the infamous Kray brothers, Ron and Reggie lived. Always getting into scrapes, at the age of 11 ½ his father Dave took him down to the local Repton Boxing Club; probably the most famous boxing club in Britain; in order to try and keep him out of trouble. He took to it like ducks to water.

In his amateur days he won five national titles and represented Great Britain at lightweight in the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City. Unfortunately he was outpointed in the second round, his 18th birthday, by Ronnie Harris of the USA who went on to win the gold medal.

He turned professional the next year after joining Terry Lawless' management team, and had his first profes-

sional fight five days before his 19th birthday at York Hall Baths in Bethnal Green, which he won with a second-round knockout of Nigerian-born welterweight Santos Martins. He went on to become the undefeated British and European champion.

The pinnacle of his boxing career was when he beat reigning WBC champion Cuban Jose Napoles in his home city of Mexico City in December 1975, to become the only British boxer in history to win as an amateur and professional in Mexico City against a local boxer with Mexican judges and referee.

Stracey proudly showed off the title belt when he spoke to the audience before the boxing tournament, where he encouraged young people to take up boxing as a sport.

Each belt takes 60 days to make and includes the flags of the 163 countries affiliated to the World Boxing Council as well as cameo photos of Stracey and Napoles, and Muhammad Ali and Joe Louis.

He was also inducted in to the WBC Hall of Fame in Cadiz, Spain in 2005 and is one of only five recipients of the Honorary WBC Ring along with Marvellous Marvin Hagler, Vitali Klitschko and Jorge Arce.

He retired in 1978 having won 45 of his 51 fights with only five defeats, and began to build a career outside boxing with guest appearances and after dinner speaking and as a singer.

He is now well known on the circuit for his cabaret act, which includes a bit of comedy, and next week will be the after dinner cabaret at actor Ray Winstone's charity function for armed forces.

Winstone, who was also a member of Repton Boxing Club and could have had a promising career having boxed twice for England, has just completed the film 'Fathers of Girls' in which he plays the lead part of a solicitor, and for which

John H Stracey sings the title soundtrack 'It's not so easy for me'.

Stracey who says he loves singing, has also sung with some quite famous people including Johnny Mathis, Tony Christie and Dan Felder, lead guitarist of The Eagles and writer of 'Hotel California'.

John H's latest project is a Christmas song called 'Knockout Christmas' which is a fun tune with a interesting ending which John H is encouraging all readers to check out on either You Tube or Mersey Mag.

Incidentally, why John H and not just John Stracey? His dad decided one day that he should have a more eye-catching business card and returned home with one that read 'John H Stracey - Professional Pugilist'; 'H' being the initial of his middle name Henry, and 'Pugilist', the original name of a boxer and defined in the dictionary as: "The skill, practice, and sport of fighting with the fists."

◆ **The Honorary WBC Ring** worn by John H Stracey, one of only five presented to WBC boxers in the world.



RUGBY ROUND-UP

Bridport edged out in relegation clash

I THOUGHT that the thaw that had taken place over the last days of the week would have meant that a full league programme would have taken place. I was wrong!

Dorchester found that their pitch would not take a stud on Saturday morning and called off their game against league leaders Salisbury.

Seeming the East of the region was the more badly affected, for the Dorchester second side's game at Salisbury too, did not take place. Dorchester thirds however did get a game in and won decisively 57-19 at Verwood.

The Bridport second side did not take the field, having to concede their game at East Dorset. I toddled off to Bridport to take in their game against fellow strugglers, Marlborough; a game, the outcome of which was certainly important to both sides.

BRIDPORT 8pts, MARLBOROUGH 11pts

THE first quarter of this relegation clash was filled with honest endeavour from both sides, but with very little penetration or finesse.

Bridport did have a chance to take the lead but Croft's penalty kick from 35 yards and halfway out slid wide and the game was scoreless after 20 minutes' play.

The visitors were then wide with a similar attempt from the ten yard line, but an Idris Croft place kick five minutes before the break served to give his side a three point lead. Marlborough came back and equalised with the last kick of the half when they kicked a long range penalty that went over off an upright. This left the score at 3-3 at the halfway stage and, although flowing rugby had been at a premium, I did feel that Marlborough were getting the upper hand, and certainly their fitness levels seemed to be higher than those of the home side at this stage.

I was made to look a bit of a mug early in the second-half. The home side imposed pressure and eventually skipper Sean Stewart got over from close range for a try that remained unconverted. The visitors had lost a prop to the sin bin for slowing up possession during the move that brought the score, and the Bridport scrum prospered subsequently in his absence. They could not get quick ball to their backs however and really did not take advantage of their man over.

Marlborough gave as good as they got and got themselves back into the game with 15 minutes left when they kicked a penalty goal to take the score to 8-6.

The visitors had been winning useable ball but seemingly were obsessed with the inside break, but they sent the ball wide with some ten minutes left, a home midfield back went for the interception, missed and the ball carrier ran into the hole his absence had created and touched down some five yards in from touch. This try too remained unconverted.

The second half particularly had been laced with stoppages and the final minutes must have seemed interminable ones for the Marlborough camp as Bridport tried to rally.

They were unable to do so for their possession continued to be slow and, although they held territorial advantage until the end, they never really threatened, and the visitors held on for the win that I thought they just about deserved.

Bridport certainly have work to do if they are to avoid relegation. Their fitness levels were questionable. They seemed unable to deliver quick ball to their backs and their passing was less than clinical.

They have several injuries at the moment, and they must be hoping that these do not turn out to be long term.

IVEL BARBARIANS 7pts, WEYMOUTH 8pts

IT is always pleasant to have one's opinion proved right. I said in my preview that I felt that Weymouth could well make a nuisance of themselves at Ivel Barbarians and they certainly did just that.

At first things did not go to plan for them, in this game which saw defences on top for much of the time, for the home side got over for a converted try before the encounter was ten minutes old.

Weymouth regrouped however. Their defence, that was the cornerstone of this win, did all that was asked of it, their pack began to win ball, and they reduced the arrears with a Tim Peplow penalty goal to trail 7-3 at the halfway stage.

Their set scrum had come under a little pressure during the first 40, but the introduction of Comden into the front row at the interval, shored things up in this area and Weymouth went from strength to strength.

The telling score came with some ten minutes left. From a defensive lineout on their twenty two, the home side tapped back. Gibson secured possession on the floor, the ball was recycled and spun wide for a miss pass to put winger, Louis Allen, over in the corner.

The try remained unconverted and, although both sides had scoring opportunities before the whistle for no side, neither could take them, and Weymouth generally held on with a bit to spare to claim the win that, although narrow, is one that they will certainly savour.

Not such good news for the Weymouth second side who are certainly making efforts to win promotion from the Dorset & Wilts League Division Three (South). They could not make home advantage count against visitors, Salisbury thirds and ended the day losing 33-20, and certainly lost ground in the promotion race.

PREVIEW.

AFTER last Saturday's result, BRIDPORT's season is at something of a cross roads.

They do have a chance to repair some of the damage immediately for they travel to bottom club BRADFORD ON AVON on Saturday for their final league game of 2010.

I seem to remember that they win the home encounter back in September by some 50 points in what was their initial game in the Southern counties League (South), but

am certain that, unless they improve their performance in all areas by a significant level, they will not do so again.

In fact many would bet on them being at the bottom of the league by 4.30pm on Saturday next.

Their general lack of application must be giving their coaches headaches at the moment and, although they have injuries to pivotal players at this time, they should be performing, collectively speaking, much better than they are doing.

They have a look of relegation about them, but any answer lies in their own hands. A win for them is imperative, but I am not sure that they can achieve it.

DORCHESTER undertake what is a real tester when they visit OLDFIELD OLD BOYS. Although they beat these opponents by a couple of scores earlier in the season at home, the Bath side have enjoyed a pretty good season, and in fact, lie a place above the Coburg Road brigade in the Southern Counties league table, having played a game more.

Apart from having home advantage, they have played more rugby than their opponents in recent weeks and will certainly be match fit. This one is too close to call!

Having bested one aspiring promotion candidate in Ivel last time out, WEYMOUTH will be trying to do the same to another when they entertain SHERBORNE 2nd on Saturday for their opponents occupy the runners up spot in the Dorset & Wilts league Division One (South) currently.

I seem to recall that the sides fought out an attritional draw, scoring an unconverted try apiece, back in September and the home side, buoyed up by last week's result, will likely start as favourites. They will not find it easy but, if they bring their 'A' game with them, they will come out on top.

As to the second sides, Bridport do have a something of a chance to notch their first league win of the season when they entertain fellow strugglers Fordingbridge. Let's hope they can do so!

Dorchester seconds have a more straightforward task when they visit Swanage & Wareham thirds, as will the Dorchester third side who travel with them to play Swanage & Wareham fourths.

Weymouth seconds are also on the road and travel to Verwood, whom they might just best by a couple of scores.

FIXTURES 18th December

Bridport v Bradford on Avon (away); Bridport 2nd v Fordingbridge 2nd (home); Chard v St Bernadettes Old Boys (home); Chard 2nd v Wiveliscombe 2nd (away); Chard 3rd v Wyvern (home); Crewkerne v Somerton (home); Dorchester v Oldfield Old Boys (away); Dorchester 2nd v Swanage & Wareham 3rd (away); Dorchester 3rd v Swanage & Wareham 4th (away); Honiton v Torrington (home); Sidmouth v St Ives (home); Sidmouth 3rd v Tamar Saracens 2nd (home); Weymouth v Sherborne 2nd (home); Weymouth 2nd v Verwood (away).

LYME REGIS  
POOL LEAGUE

RESULTS - Sunday, December 14th: Old Cobbies 6 Hunters Lodge 3, Beer Tricks Potters 3 Cobb B 6, Pot Nots 8 Pool.com 1, George A 5 Nags Head Trotters 4, Rock A 9 Beardogs 0.

| TABLE                    | P | W | L | Pts | Beer |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|-----|------|
| Cobb B.....              | 7 | 7 | 0 | 51  | 35   |
| Rock A.....              | 6 | 5 | 1 | 36  | 24   |
| Nags Head Trotters.....  | 7 | 3 | 4 | 31  | 24   |
| Pot Nots.....            | 6 | 3 | 3 | 28  | 17   |
| Beer Tricks Potters..... | 6 | 2 | 4 | 27  | 16   |
| Pool.com.....            | 7 | 2 | 5 | 25  | 17   |
| Beardogs.....            | 7 | 2 | 5 | 24  | 18   |
| Hunters Lodge.....       | 6 | 2 | 4 | 23  | 14   |
| Brotherhoods.....        | 6 | 3 | 3 | 21  | 15   |
| George A.....            | 6 | 1 | 5 | 13  | 8    |

Parents show  
the juniors  
once again

THIRTY one competitors made up of juniors and parents, together with family and ex club members took part in this year's West Bay Sea Angling Club's annual Parents v Juniors fish, and it was the parents that once again took the honours.

Postponed last year because of bad weather, the nine juniors pitted their wits against their elders, but it was Andy Preston who with his last fish of the day caught a legal sized flounder of 358 g which gave him the trophy and the Heaviest Fish prize.

Adults P J Wheeler and Craig Horton took the next two places with Kyle Napier the top junior in fourth place. This year's wooden spoon winner was Kim Hyett whose name was drawn out of the hat as eight competitors, all adults, blanked.

Mike Mears won the prize for the first fish caught, whilst Mike Halletts 46g flounder won him Most Notable Fish.

Although only small, his turbot along with another caught by a junior was good news as it is believed that they are the first of their kind to be caught from the pier in fifteen years.

Other species caught were pollock, rockling, pout, whiting, weever, flounder and bass.



◆ MIKE Mears pictured with club President Fred Bowditch

Yeovil & Dist Mixed Tennis

| Division 1        | Pld | Pts | Division 3       | Pld | Pts |
|-------------------|-----|-----|------------------|-----|-----|
| Sherborne A.....  | 6   | 45  | Wincanton.....   | 4   | 33  |
| Melcombe Reg..... | 6   | 38  | Misterton A..... | 5   | 24  |
| Martock A.....    | 5   | 35  | Beaminstert..... | 4   | 23  |
| Charmouth.....    | 6   | 24  | Bridport A.....  | 3   | 19  |
| Chard A.....      | 5   | 20  | Yeovil B.....    | 5   | 18  |
| Yeovil A.....     | 4   | 14  | Somerton B.....  | 3   | 13  |
| Sherborne B.....  | 6   | 14  | Somerton C.....  | 4   | 10  |

| Division 2         | Pld | Pts | Division 4         | Pld | Pts |
|--------------------|-----|-----|--------------------|-----|-----|
| S.Petherton A..... | 5   | 41  | Bridport B.....    | 6   | 40  |
| Martock B.....     | 4   | 21  | S.Petherton B..... | 5   | 30  |
| Somerton A.....    | 4   | 17  | Yeovil C.....      | 5   | 28  |
| Ilminster.....     | 3   | 16  | Martock C.....     | 6   | 27  |
| Weymouth A.....    | 3   | 12  | Weymouth B.....    | 5   | 22  |
| Chard B.....       | 3   | 3   | Sutton Montis..... | 5   | 20  |
|                    |     |     | Misterton B.....   | 4   | 13  |

Rugby extras

DORCHESTER U16 10 WIMBORNE 26

ONCE again Dorchester failed to get past a resolute Wimborne side in a cup game.

However the final score line does not reflect the nature of the game or how close it was; Wimborne knew they had been in a hard physical but good tempered game.

Dorchester drew first blood when they converted a simple penalty. Wimborne pressed and were held back through a mixture of basic errors and good defending by the hosts, but got their rewards when a missed tackle out wide allowed their winger to touch down.

The remainder of the first-half was evenly contested and Dorchester had more than their fair share of chances but the ball carrier too often took the wrong option rather than a simple offload.

With half time beckoning the home side were caught napping and allowed Wimborne a simple score which was converted to leave them trailing 3 -12 at the break.

The visitors came out battling but again could not find a way through, and were starting to give away silly penalties. With the home side securing some useful turn over ball, the game started ebbing Dorchester's way, and when a tap penalty on Wimborne's five metre saw Hugh Vivian crash over with the try converted it was game on.

Will Holmes and Will Batt then combined well to put the former clean away only to have the pass adjudged forward.

The final ten minutes saw Dorchester give away two easy tries to provide a flattering score line, and did not do justice to the way the boys in green and white had played.

Weather frustrates Buckler

CURRENTLY in the worst run of his training career, Bob Buckler is finding life frustrating enough without having to cope with the freezing conditions that are currently decimating race cards around the country.

"The weather is playing havoc with all trainers as they try to find races for their horses.

The problem is that with so many race cards being abandoned due to the weather, trainers have a limited choice as to where they can run, and with so few opportunities the entries for each race are huge, which means that a lot will be balloted out.

"With the better horses taking preference, the owners and trainer of the others are left very frustrated.

"It is also difficult finding the right race for your horse, and you sometimes have to compromise by entering one which is not ideal be it in distance, ground or type of track."

However despite having saddled over forty horses since their last win, the last three runners have helped raise the stables moral with good performances in the last week.

Quix, a four-year-old having his first run finished a promising third in the Open NH Flat Race (bumper) at

Lingfield on Saturday.

Backed down to 6/1 joint favourite he was beaten 2 ½ lengths by the 20/1 Solaise who made all the running.

"He's a very nice horse with a decent pedigree but ran a little bit green. The race was lost down the back when the winner went well clear and we didn't respond.

Turning into the straight jockey Nathan Sweeney said the penny suddenly dropped but he had too much to do but was staying on well at the finish. I think if we had taken closer order initially we could have won the race."

Cullahill also ran well in the CF Roberts Electrical Mechanical Services Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Chase over 2 miles 5 furlongs at Cheltenham on Friday where he finished sixth.

This was a typical situation where the horse was not running over its ideal distance but in a good class field.

"He needs three miles, but there wasn't a suitable race for him. In the circumstances he did well against some good horse.

He was in contention until he made

a mistake at the ditch at the top of the hill that put him out of it, but he stayed on well and but for the error would have probably finished third or fourth. Considering it was not his distance it was a good run."

Fun Guy was the third horse to cheer Buckler. He competed in the Class 3 EBF 'National Hunt' Novices' Hurdle (Qualifier) against some top class novices and finished a very creditable ninth. In contention until three out when he weakened he showed good promise.

"It was a good field, but he jumped well and is turning into a nice horse."

One of the stable stars Mizzurka is desperate to run, but was frozen out last week, and balloted out on Monday at Plumpton.

Having had a great season last year in bumpers she is looking to run her first race over hurdles and is entered at both Newbury on Wednesday and Thursday's Exeter meeting providing the weather permits.

Power Lord hopes to make his racing debut at Towcester on Thursday over hurdles whilst John's Gift hopes to replicate his impressive hurdle record when he has his first race over fences at Exeter also on Thursday.

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## INSIDE: Lyme Regis Cribbage results and tables

# THOMSON STUNNER SETS UP COUNTY SEMI-FINAL

AN acrobatic overhead kick from Rob Thomson has propelled Lyme Regis through to the semi-finals of the Dorset Intermediate Cup.

Thomson struck 15 minutes from time in a stormy quarter-final at Alderholt to land the club's first semi-final appearance since they last lifted the cup by beating Fern-down Reserves on penalties after drawing 2-2 at Dorchester back in 2004-05.

The victory has however come at a price with Mark Batey being on the wrong end of a scything high tackle. The defender was forced off with a knee injury that required a hospital visit on Sunday morning. The diagnosis is knee ligament

damage and a period on crutches which will make him an obvious doubt for the semi-final and Coronation Cup Final.

The Coronation Final takes place on December 27th at Combe. The Seaside's will face Perry Street after they hammered Ilminster Reserves 4-0.

Lyme will also be without 'keeper Ashley Caddy and Steve Batey at Combe. The pair headed off to Australia on Monday for three weeks watching England hopefully bring home the Ashes. Whilst Matt Laing is also unavailable.

Seaside's manager Robin Townsend has advised **View Sport**

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that he will decide between Will Meech and Aaron Cleal as his stand-in gloveman for this vital period.

With the league's top players on pick-of-the-league duty Lyme are without fixture this weekend. Adam Caddy, Joel Gostling, Mark Bailey and Dom Rowe are in the frame for a call-up from league manager Karl Diment.

Lyme Reserves will look to bounce back from Saturday's 3-0 home defeat by Crewkerne when they entertain Winsham United - another of the promotion chasers. Lyme Bantams also went down, 2-1 at Venlake against Chard United

and will hope for better when they entertain Combe A at the weekend.

Depleted Uplyme's promotion campaign took a blow when they were beaten 3-1 at rivals Hinton. The Swallows visit lowly Pymore on Saturday with three points a must.

Charmouth failed to raise a side for their Arthur Gage Cup tie against Perry Street Reserves. The Robins visit Forton Rangers on Saturday.

◆ **FIRE AT THE FORT** - Fire in a storage container at the Davey Fort on Sunday afternoon has given the club a further set-back in their refurbishment of the showers/changing rooms - see page 3 inside.



■ **HEADS UP:** The Lyme Reserves goal comes under threat in last weekend's 3-0 defeat by Crewkerne Town.  
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